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Giants freeze Packers

The Giants beat the Packers in frozen Green Bay to reach the Super Bowl. **1B**

Griffey honored

Hundreds honored Ken Griffey Sr., for whom the Ringgold High School baseball field has been name. **8A, 1B**

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King legacy debated

At the time of his death, the civil rights leader was taking on the war and poverty.

By DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK – Nearly 40 years after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., some say his legacy is being frozen in a moment in time that ignores the full complexity of the man and his message.

"Everyone knows – even the smallest kid knows about Martin Luther King – can say his most famous moment was that 'I have a dream' speech," said Henry Louis Taylor Jr., professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Buffalo. "No one can go further than one sentence. All we know is that this guy had a dream. We don't know what that dream was."

King was working on anti-poverty and anti-war issues at the time of his death. He had spoken out against the Vietnam War and was in Memphis when he was killed in April 1968 in support of striking sanitation workers.

King had come a long way from the crowds who cheered him at the 1963 March on Washington, when he was introduced as "the moral leader of our nation" – and when he pronounced "I have a dream" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

By taking on issues outside segregation, he had lost the

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NAACP unity celebration in works

The Mon Valley Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will celebrate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 3 p.m. Sunday at the Antioch Baptist Church on Henry Street in Belle Vernon.

It will be presented under the theme: To Honor the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; With Your Help, We Can All Make a Difference and Continue the Building of the Dream."

Pleshette dead

Suzanne Pleshette, best known as Bob Newhart's TV wife, has died at age 70 of respiratory failure. **4A**

Miss a story?

Miss a big story last week? Fear not. Check out the Valley Review, a regular Monday feature of *The Valley Independent*. **5A**

Peace threatened

Israel, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Hamas are locked in a three-way standoff that is threatening the Mideast peace process. **5A**

SPORTS TODAY

Patriots win again

The New England Patriots are headed to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in seven years. **1B**

Ringgold third

Ringgold finished third in the Washington County Wrestling Tournament. **2B**

DEATHS

- Catherine Hadjantoni, 77, Charleroi
- Betty Hartung, 70, Bethel Park, formerly of Monessen
- William R. Heath, 91, North Belle Vernon
- Elsie Marie Johnson, 85, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., formerly of Belle Vernon
- Raymond N. Miklos, 78, Charleroi
- Delio "Day-Day" Perozzi, 82, Monessen
- Charles G. Pettus, 59, Monongahela
- Genevieve Josephine Smail, 89, New Eagle

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WEATHER

Tonight Partly cloudy 16°
Tomorrow Mostly cloudy 28°

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Economy concerns fewer in state

With a smaller boom in Pennsylvania, a major decline is less likely.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – In a national economy teetering on the brink of recession, there are a couple bright spots for Pennsylvania.

That is good news for a state that has suffered its share of manufacturing job losses over the past 30 years and watched as other states' newer economies shot skyward.

Amid Wall Street's tailspin, Pennsylvania added a relatively small 2,800 jobs during December, according to just-released figures.

It's a pleasant surprise considering that 17 states lost jobs last month, said James Diffley of Global Insight Inc., an economic analysis firm.

The overheated growth that occurred in Sun Belt states like Florida, Arizona and California is acting like whiplash in the downturn. In Pennsylvania, where the housing boom was more modest, the downward ride may be a slower, easier curve.

"We didn't have the same boom," Diffley said. "There was a boom in Pennsylvania to be sure ... but not like in the areas that are getting hammered."

Then there is the manufacturing sector. For many years the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy, manufacturing jobs disappeared as automation took over or fled the state for places where land, labor and materials were cheaper.

But in the past couple years, Pennsylvania's durable goods manufacturing sector has stabilized. The sector now provides 414,000 jobs, and some employers say they are doing well – perhaps aided by a weak dollar that makes American-made goods cheaper overseas.

Pennsylvania and other heavy manufacturing states stand to benefit from the cheap dollar, Diffley said.

Lee Taddonio, who is president of SMC Business Councils, an association of 3,000 businesses in central and western Pennsylvania, said his manufacturing members seem to be doing better than members in other business sectors.

"Everyone's talking about the potential recession thing the last couple of days, and they say they don't see anything like that," Taddonio said.

St. Mary's Pressed Metals, which makes ball bearings for such appliances as air conditioners, washing machines and lawnmowers, just wrapped up a successful year, said general manager Jim Aiello. The only worry – aside from panicked talking heads on the television business programs – is the rising cost of metals, such as copper, stainless steel and chromium, that St. Mary's needs to make the

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

A water line break at the intersection of Main and 10th streets in Monongahela caused icy conditions thhis morning.

Cold snap chills Valley

Warmer weather is expected Tuesday, along with a little snow.

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Only a trace of snow fell, but Old Man Winter blew his coldest air in nearly a year through the Mid-Mon Valley on Sunday.

With temperatures that failed to reach 20 degrees, Sunday marked the coldest day since February 2007.

The high temperature reached on Sunday was six degrees lower than the average low for this time of year.

Yesterday's high was 13 degrees, with the low being 6.

Considering that normal highs are 37 degrees and the normal low is 19, it is apparent how cold the weather was.

And when the wind chill factor is added in, it was the equivalent of near zero.

The cold weather is sticking around through today and tonight as the low is expected to hover around 20 degrees with the wind chill factor in the single digits.

The low earlier this morning was 6 degrees.

However, temperatures are expected to climb up to near average levels on Tuesday when the high is expected to hit 36 degrees.

But with increased temperatures, so comes increased chances for precipitation. Forecasters are calling for some snow tomorrow during the day.

Chance of snow is 70 percent with the snow expected to diminish to flurries by night.

Total accumulation will be an inch or less.

The forecast for Wednesday and Thursday is colder with temperatures expected to be in the 20s with some snow.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service in Moon Township said additional snow accumulation from Wednesday and Thursday combined is a half-inch or less.

By the weekend, temperatures are expected to rebound to the high 30s.

The cold weather today did not affect most students in the Mon Valley, as classes were canceled in observance of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

Teacher strike right safe for now

Pennsylvania is one of only 13 states that allows work stoppages by teachers.

By RICK WILLS
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Teachers in Western Pennsylvania's largest school district gave themselves a powerful bargaining tool when they authorized a strike.

They reached a tentative contract with Pittsburgh Public Schools last week without a walkout.

In the fall, striking Seneca Valley teachers shut down schools for five weeks in one of the area's fastest-growing districts.

"I do not think we will ban strikes overnight, given the massive power of the teachers unions. But we feel there is growing attention to this," said Simon Campbell of Bucks County, who established Stop Teachers Strikes in Pennsylvania.

He formed the group after his three children were put out of class during a strike in the Pennsbury School District in the 2005-06 school year.

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association has not reached a consensus on banning strikes, which 37 other states have done, and has assembled a task force of 11 school directors from across the state to study the issue. The task force meets for the first time Tuesday in Harrisburg.

"School board members generally see collective bargaining as their responsibility," said Tim Allwein, a spokesman for the association.

Some members of the association said they believe strikes could increase as a result of Act 1, which limits the ability of school boards to raise property taxes, which pay teachers' salaries.

Some legislators are pushing for a strike ban.

"This is a change that needs to be made for the good of our communities. It's hard to believe you would allow such an interruption to occur," said state Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Cranberry, who represents the majority of Seneca Valley residents.

> "You are asking for significant changes to the state's labor law, and this is a very union-friendly Legislature and state. Pittsburgh itself is lauded as the birthplace of unionism."
>
> JAKE MCELLIGOTT, EDUCATION LAW SPECIALIST

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Economy (FROM PAGE ONE)

bearings, Aiello said.

Holtec International's suburban Pittsburgh plant, which makes shipping and handling products for nuclear waste, has added dozens of workers in the past year as nuclear power plant licenses are being extended in the United States and new plants are being built overseas, said Jennifer McDade, controller of Holtec's manufacturing division.

With the dollar weak, the company is considering bringing some other product manufacturing lines back to the United States, McDade said. The company's biggest problem? Finding enough workers, she said.

It is unclear, though, how long the weaker dollar will help bring foreign investment. Robert Dye, senior economist of Pittsburgh-based PNC Financial Services Group, said the U.S. downturn could spread – and hurt key foreign customers of American companies.

"As long as the rest of the world's GDP hangs in there, we should benefit with strong export markets," Dye said. "The concern there is the United States recession may, in fact, lead other countries into recession as well."

Teacher (FROM PAGE ONE)

The district's strike ended in November without a new contract because of a 1992 law that effectively sets limits to the duration of walkouts. The law requires a district to complete 180 days of instruction by June 30.

"In the '70s, there were 25 or 30 school strikes a year. The number of strikes is down a lot, and you do not have a whole array of people pressuring to ban strikes. And, as long as Democrats control the state House, they will never even bring this to a vote," said G. Terry Madonna, director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster.

Metcalfe signed on as a co-sponsor to the proposed Strike Free Education Act, which was introduced last year by two Republicans from Franklin and Somerset counties. It has no support from Democrats.

There have been three teacher strikes in Pennsylvania this school year.

Any move to outlaw strikes faces opposition from the state's largest teachers' union, the Pennsylvania State Education Association, a powerful organization in Harrisburg and local communities.

"We see a strike as a basic right to withhold work to achieve fair compensation. A strike ban would hand all the power to the school board," PSEA President James Testerman said.

Campbell predicted opposition to strikes will gain momentum because of the tie between taxes and teacher salaries.

"This is about property taxes, and taxpayer outrage is a hot issue," he said.

School board members aren't so sure.

"It would certainly be good for kids. But as far as a ban? Well, the devil is in the details, so I really don't know how I feel," said Marilyn Reed, who left the Pine-Richland School Board last month after serving 12 years and voting on three teacher contracts.

Lynn Evans, a member of the Avonworth School Board, echoed Reed. "I'd really have to see what gets gained and what gets lost," Evans said.

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Washington Township workers cut down this tree on High Street in September 1970. Pictured from left are Derrick Roley, Vincent Manetta, Susan Manetta, Cheryl Patterson and Jeffrey Dunlop.

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Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 36 Low 18	High 28 Low 10	High 22 Low 10	High 28 Low 15	High 35 Low 28

Schumer outlines own stimulus plan

The Democrat said relief should be based on Social Security tax, not income tax.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Any rebate included in an economic stimulus plan should include people who pay Social Security taxes, not just those who pay income taxes, a leading Democratic lawmaker said Sunday.

"If we did the rebate based on the payroll tax, it would hit a lot more people at a lower end of the spectrum. And so to just say income taxes are the only taxes we're considering that people pay is unfair," said Charles Schumer, the New York lawmaker who is chairman of the congressional Joint Economic Committee.

People making $35,000 to $50,000 pay a lot of federal taxes, he said, but much of that is not income tax, but directed to programs like Social Security.

Democrats and the Bush administration say they want to reach a quick agreement so the economic stimulus can be applied quickly to the struggling economy. But any Democratic insistence on covering those who don't pay income tax could be a cause of conflict.

The White House, for now, envisions providing one-time rebate checks to people who pay federal income taxes. That would leave out millions of the working poor, who do not make enough to pay income taxes but do pay Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes.

Families of four earning less than $24,900 a year would not get a rebate under the White House approach, said Chad Stone, chief economist at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a research group that focuses on how government programs affect the poor and middle class.

He has estimated that about 22 million households file income tax returns but do not pay that tax because their earnings are so low. An additional 22 million households do not file a return, he said. This group includes many older people on fixed incomes, he said.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson has said Bush "is focused on broad-based tax relief for those who are paying taxes." Paulson said that worked in 2001 and 2003.

The centerpiece of an economic aid plan should be a tax cut for the middle class, and the overall proposal could include relief for business and spending incentives for the unemployed, Schumer said.

"I'm not going to draw any lines in the sand," said Schumer. But he said any plan that does not carefully balance help for people making less than $50,000 with relief for those making $200,000 or more "doesn't make much sense from either a fairness or economic point of view."

President Bush and Democrats in Congress have expressed an interest in working together to pass a plan quickly that could help the struggling economy. Schumer agreed on the need for fast action.

"Partisan fights and dithering could only make whatever recession we're going to have worse," Schumer said. "There's a real spirit of compromise in Washington right now, a spirit of let's get together, put away the bipartisan differences, because the economy is in poor shape."

Schumer said that in a balanced plan, "the centerpiece would be a tax cut for the middle class and working families, and the bookends might be some business tax cuts as well as some spending stimuli for, say, people who are unemployed."

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support of many newspapers and magazines, and his relationship with the White House had suffered, said Harvard Sitkoff, a professor of history at the University of New Hampshire who has written a recently published book on King.

"He was considered by many to be a pariah," Sitkoff said.

But he took on issues of poverty and militarism because he considered them vital "to make equality something real and not just racial brotherhood but equality in fact," Sitkoff said.

Scholarly study of King hasn't translated into the popular perception of him and the civil rights movement, said Richard Greenwald, professor of history at Drew University.

"We're living increasingly in a culture of top 10 lists, of celebrity biopics which simplify the past as entertainment or mythology," he said. "We lose a view on what real leadership is by compressing him down to one window."

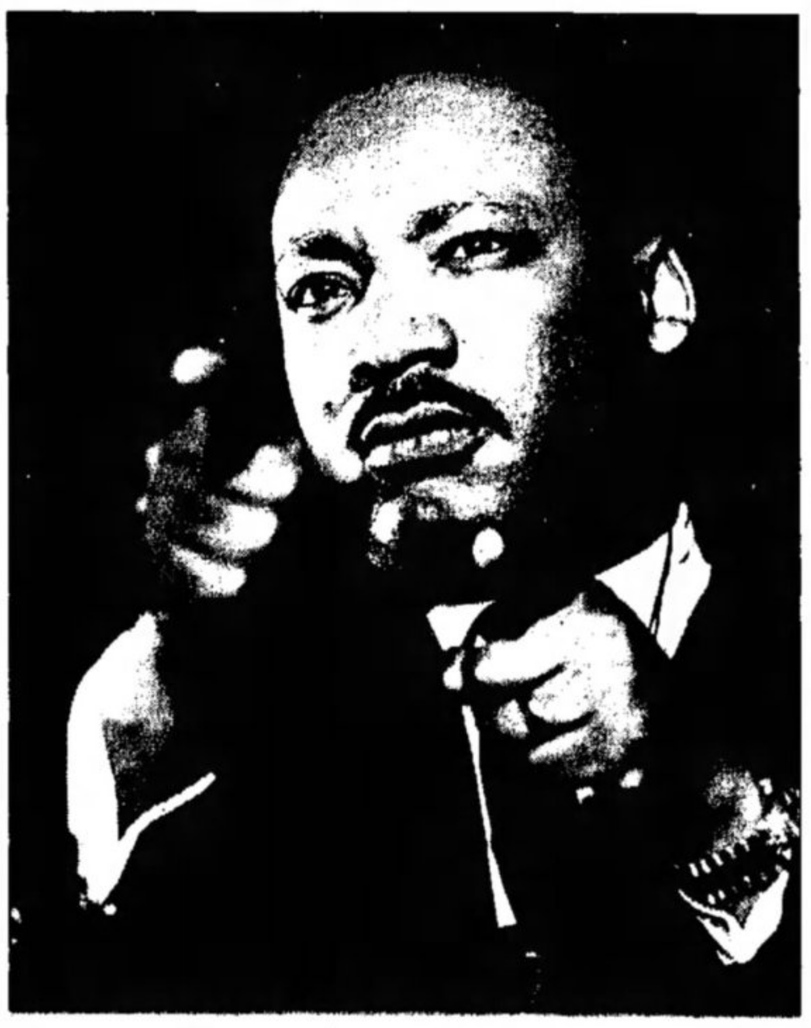
That does a disservice to both King and society, said Melissa Harris-Lacewell, professor of politics and African-American studies at Princeton University.

By freezing him at that point, by putting him on a pedestal of perfection that doesn't acknowledge his complex views, "it makes it impossible both for us to find new leaders and for us to aspire to leadership," Harris-Lacewell said.

She believes it's important for Americans in 2008 to remember how disliked King was before his death in April 1968.

"If we forget that, then it seems like the only people we can get behind must be popular," Harris-Lacewell said.

"Following King meant following the unpopular road, not the popular one."



Associated Press

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is seen in this undated file photo. The civil rights icon's legacy is the topic of much debate.

In becoming an icon, King's legacy has been used by people all over the political spectrum, said Glenn McNair, associate professor of history at Kenyon College.

He's been part of the 2008 presidential race, in which Barack Obama could be the country's first black president. Obama has invoked King, and Sen. John Kerry endorsed Obama by saying "Martin Luther King said that the time is always right to do what is right."

Not all the references have been received well. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton came under fire when she was quoted as saying King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

King has "slipped into the realm of symbol that people use and manipulate for their own purposes," McNair said.

Harris-Lacewell said that is something people need to push back against.

"It's not OK to slip into flat memory of who Dr. King was, it does no justice to us and makes him to easy to appropriate," she said.

"Every time he gets appropriated, we have to come out and say that's not OK.

"We do have the ability to speak back."

Valley briefs

Accidents keep police busy

State police at Belle Vernon had a busy few days investigating traffic accidents, some of them caused due to icy road conditions.

Police did not indicate whether any of the mishaps resulted in injiries to any of the drivers or their passengers.

The first reported incident took place 8:15 p.m. Thursday on Amelio Hill Road in Perry Township, when a vehicle operated by Joshua Ritchie, 19, of Sutersvill, failed to negotiate a bend in the road.

Ritchie's vehicle traveled off the road, struck a tree and then came to a rest on its roof a short distance from the impact.

At 6:45 a.m. Friday, Jennifer Popelas, 27, of Belle Vernon, lost control of her vehicle while traveling on icy State Route 88 in Fallowfield Township.

Her vehicle struck a stone wall and then hit a utility pole.

At 7:30 a.m. Friday, a vehicle operated by Christopher Paul, 34, of Charleroi, crashed on icy State Route 481 in Fallowfield Township when he lost control of the vehicle.

A passenger in the vehicles was identified as Michael Claybaugh, 45, of Charleroi.

At 7:50 a.m. Friday, a three-vehicle accident took place on State Route 51 in Perry Township.

The accident occurred when a vehicle operated by Gloria Gerda, 46, of Perryopolis, was passing a vehicle operated by Donald Morris, 36, of Dunbar, in the left northbound lane.

According to police, Gerda lost control of her vehicle and struck Morris' vehicle. After striking Morris' vehicle, Gerda's vehicle crossed the southbound lanes of Route 51 and struck a vehicle operated by Donald Vitous, 51, of Elizabeth.

At 3:05 p.m. Sunday, a vehicle operated by Britney Hoffman, 18, of Finleyville, was traveling on Route 88 in Union Township when she lost control.

State police said Hoffman's vehicle struck a mailbox and a fence before rolling over down a small embankment.

Finally meaningful?

It's possible for state's presidential primary

Unlike most years, Pennsylvania may be vital to presidentail hopefuls in April.

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Pennsylvania's April 22 presidential primary, usually written off as meaningless, could mean everything this year.

If no clear front-runners emerge in either party after Super Tuesday on Feb. 5 and another flurry of primaries through March, the Pennsylvania primary would become a key battleground. It's the only primary in April and the last big prize before the Democratic and Republican conventions.

"I do believe that the Pennsylvania primary, which I had initially thought would not be relevant, is now becoming more and more relevant to the Republican nominee and has an outside chance of

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Primaries and caucuses calendar

- Jan. 3 - Iowa
- Jan. 5 - Wyoming (Republican)
- Jan. 8 - New Hampshire
- Jan. 15 - Michigan
- Jan. 19 - South Carolina (Republican), Nevada
- Jan. 26 - South Carolina (Democrat)
- Jan. 29 - Florida
- Feb. 1- Maine (Republican)
- Feb. 5 - Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho (Democrat), Illinois, Kansas (Democrat), Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana (Republican), New Jersey, New Mexico (Democrat), New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia (Republican)
- Feb. 9 - Louisiana, Nebraska (Democrat), Kansas (Republican) Washington, Virgin Islands
- Feb. 10 - Maine (Democrat)
- Feb. 12 - Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia
- Feb. 16 - Guam (Republican)
- Feb. 19 - Hawaii (Democrat), Wisconsin
- Feb. 21 - Maine (Republican)
- March 1 - American Samoa (Republican)
- March 4 - Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont
- March 8 - Wyoming (Democrat)
- March 10 - American Samoa (Democrat)
- March 11 - Mississippi
- **April 22 - Pennsylvania**
- May 3 - Guam (Democrat)
- May 6 - Indiana, North Carolina
- May 13 - West Virginia (Democrat), Nebraska (Republican)
- May 17 - Hawaii (Republican)
- May 20 - Kentucky, Oregon
- May 27 - Idaho (Republican)
- June 3 - Montana (Democrat), South Dakota, New Mexico (Republican)
- June 7 - Puerto Rico (Democrat)

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Yough eyes hefty tax hike

School district's tentative budget for 2008-09 school year calls for 7.38-mill increase.

By PATTI DOBRANSKI
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Yough administrators haven't hit the panic button yet despite approving a proposed 7.38-mill property tax rate increase along with its tentative 2008-09 spending plan of $26.7 million.

Superintendent Larry Nemec said Friday there was a lot of work to be done between now and the passage of the final budget sometime in May.

Business manager Vincent Belczyk said the proposed budget is $1.3 million higher, or 5.3 percent more than the 2007-08 package. The district had to pass a preliminary budget by Jan. 23 because it did not have a surplus in the current spending plan, he said.

Nemec said he was confident the board could pare down the proposed tax increase.

"The preliminary figure always comes in a little higher. It usually comes in as a 'wish list' with a lot of things," he said.

If the district fails to trim the proposed tax plan and exceeds the 4.4 percent allowable rate increase set by the state Department of Education, a referendum exception must be granted by the state or a referendum will be presented to voters in the April 22 primary election.

Belczyk said the main reasons for the larger spending plan and tax increase are teacher salaries, benefits and contractual commitments.

A mill generates about $115,000 for the district. Belczyk could not estimate how much a 7.38-mill tax increase would cost the average homeowner.

The proposed tax increase comes on the heels of a painful tax increase last year.

For the 2007-08 budget, property owners were hit with a 5-mill tax increase, which cost the average taxpayer an additional $74 for the year.

Since the more than 6 percent property tax increase for this school year exceeded last year's index of 3.56 mills, the Department of Education granted the district a special exception to seek an additional $800,000 from taxpayers.

Valley re

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Donora sued - A Donora businessman who has been cited numerous times for violating a recently enacted ordinance is now suing the borough.

Michael Gori, owner of Auto Care Center, 948 McKean Ave., filed suit against the borough claiming the ordinance, which states it is illegal to park vehicles for private business on borough streets, is "unconstitutional as it is overly broad in its scope."

Gori has been at odds with the borough over his parking of rental vehicles on streets surrounding his business.

In 2007, the borough enacted the ordinance after receiving numerous complaints from residents living near Gori's business about a lack of parking spaces on the streets.

Cal man arrested - A California man admitted to police he posted an Internet message threatening to kill thousands of California University of Pennsylvania students because he was angry about the traffic jam near his home.

Zachary Brett Buday, 21, was arraigned Tuesday before District Judge Larry W. Hopkins, of Charleroi, on a charge of making terroristic threats and lodged in the Washington County Correctional Facility in lieu of $50,000 bond.

Buday admitted being "angry" when he posted the threat on his MySpace Web page three months ago, but he told investigators he "never intended to carry out the threat," according to a complaint filed in the case.

Murder hearing postponed - A man charged with killing his girlfriend and dumping her body in a dumpster in Charleroi wants to hire a private attorney.

Joseph John Natale, 28, of 213 Fifth St. Apt. 3G, Charleroi, appeared in Washington County Central Court Wednesday and asked for a continuance to hire a new attorney.

Charleroi police charged Natale Jan. 8 with one count each of criminal homicide, aggravated assault and abuse of a corpse for the murder of Amanda Faux, 22.

Aunt pleads guilty - A Donora woman will serve six to 12 months in jail after admitting Thursday to paying two women to have sexual contact with her 12-year-old nephew.

Linda Van Pool, 37, of 120 McKean Ave., pleaded guilty to one count of endangering the welfare of children.

The charges stemmed from an incident Nov. 2, when the boy's mother, Kathleen M. Waggoner, 38, also of 120 McKean Ave., allegedly gave Van Pool money to arrange for the boy to engage in sexual activity with two women.

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Jim Delattre, President

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DEATH NOTICES

HADJANTONI — Catherine Hadjantoni, 77, of Charleroi, on Friday, Jan. 18. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

HARTUNG — Betty Hartung, 70, of Bethel Park, formerly of Monessen, on Saturday, Jan. 19. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

JOHNSON — Elsie Marie Johnson, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., formerly of Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Jan. 20. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.

MIKLOS — Raymond N. Miklos, 78, of Charleroi, on Saturday, Jan. 19. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

PEROZZI — Delio Perozzi, 82, of Monessen, on Saturday, Jan. 19. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

PETTUS — Charles G. Pettus, 59, of Monongahela, on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

SMAIL — Genevieve J. Smail, 89, of New Eagle, on Friday, Jan. 18. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
HEATH, William R.*
*** See death notice**

Catherine Hadjantoni
Charleroi

Catherine Hadjantoni, 77, of Charleroi, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Nov. 13, 1930, in Beaver Falls, a daughter of the late Christ and Ypatia Kalamaras Hadjantoni. She was a member of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Monessen. Catherine was a 1948 graduate of Charleroi High School and, prior to retirement, was employed by the former American Finance Co. in Charleroi for 20 years. She enjoyed baking, cooking and gardening. Surviving is one brother, Michael Hadjantoni, of Detroit, Mich.; two sisters, Mary Kontaxes, of Perryopolis, and Joan Hasten, of the state of California; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, George Hadjantoni. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. Additional visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., the hour of services in St. Spyridon Church with the Rev. Demetrios Gardikes officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. A Trisagion service will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Betty Hartung
Bethel Park
Formerly of Monessen

Betty Hartung, 70, of Bethel Park, formerly of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in UPMC Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born Oct. 31, 1937, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Michael Skurla and Mary Yakim Bricker. She was an employee of Mon Valley Hospital as a licensed practical nurse prior to her retirement. Ms. Hartung was a member of the Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church and the "Class of 1957 Lunch Ladies Group". Surviving are two daughters, Andrea (Brian) Tomich, of Bethel Park, and Cynthia (Tim) Eichler, of Jefferson Hills; one son, George P. (Vickie) Hartung, of Monessen; six grandchildren, Lauren and Desiree Tomich, Matthew and Brandon Eichler, and Ashley and Mary Hartung; and one sister, Julie Shutterly, of Belle Vernon. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. A Blessing Services will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, followed by 10 a.m. Funeral Services in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monessen. Interment will follow in Greenridge Memorial.

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William R. Heath
North Belle Vernon

William R. Heath, 91, of North Belle Vernon, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. A son of the late Pauline Schmidt, he was born in North Belle Vernon on Dec. 7, 1916. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the American Legion Post 659, the Charleroi VFW and the Belle Vernon and Fayette City Golden Agers. Bill and his wife enjoyed playing cards at the Center on the Hill. He loved bowling, square dancing and camping at Hillegrass Campground. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he retired in 1982 from the Allenport plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company. After retirement, he and his wife wintered in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Althea Pocky Heath; one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Zunic, and one brother, Fred Schmidt, all of Belle Vernon; one sister, Margaret Louis, of Fairless Hills; three grandchildren, Kimberly Zunic, John William Zunic and his friend, Jennifer Mohn, and Eric Zunic; and one great-grandson, Bradley Heath Orr. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, (724-929-5300), www.fergusonfuneralhome-andcrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Suzanne Currie officiating. Entombment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The officers, deacons and elders of the First Presbyterian Church will meet in the funeral home to hold services on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Raymond N. Miklos
Charleroi

Raymond N. Miklos, 78, of Charleroi, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in his home. He was born July 9, 1929, in Charleroi, a son of the late John and Alice Molle Miklos. Ray was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and retired from Corning Glass Works, Charleroi plant. He was a member of Charleroi VFW Post 167 and a founding member of the 10th Street Athletic Club. Ray is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Libby" Peters Miklos; one sister, Donna Held, of Wadsworth, Ohio; and his aunt, Sofia Miklos, of Charleroi. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Norman Miklos and Ronald "Mirt" Miklos. There will be no public visitation. The family has requested memorial contributions be made to: Albert Gallatin Hospice, 100 Stoops Drive, Charleroi, in memory of Ray Miklos. The SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), is in charge of the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Delio Perozzi
Monessen

Delio "Day-Day" Perozzi, 82, of Monessen, passed away Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. He was born Nov. 13, 1925, the son of the late Luigi and Annita Mignini Perozzi. He was a 1944 graduate of Monessen High School and a veteran of World War II, having been drafted into the Navy from high school. He served from 1944 to 1946 aboard the destroyer tender USS San Pablo. Prior to his retirement, he was a partner in a soda pop distribution business, an employee of 34 years at Cherocci's Service Station in Monessen, where he became part owner for several years, and he retired after 11 years of service with Power Piping Company in Donora, where he was a member of Local 354 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union. Day-Day was an active member of the community. He was involved in sports, having played softball, basketball, golf and bowling, and he was an avid Steelers and Monessen Greyhounds fan, being a season ticket holder for over 50 years. He was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church in Monessen, where he was active in the Holy Name Society and sang in the church choir. He was a member and officer of Knights of Columbus Council 954, the Monessen Investment Club since its inception, the Monessen Elks and Power Piping golf leagues, and the Epiphany Men's Bowling League. He also was an active member of the former Monessen Sokol Club, Italian Society of Mutual Aid, Monessen Elks 773, Monessen Ravens Club, American Legion Post 28, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1190, Westmoreland Columbus 500, Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates and the Monessen Senior Center. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helene Susko Perozzi, of Monessen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Loretta Perozzi, of Baltimore, Md., James and Kathi Perozzi, of Monessen; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and David Gilotty, of Fallowfield Township; a sister and brother, Lucy Capacasa and John Perozzi, both of Monessen; four grandchildren, Jamie, Christopher, Kristin and Jonathan Perozzi; one great-grandson, Dominic Perozzi; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Mon Valley Relay for Life through the funeral home. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com. VFW Post 1190 and American Legion Post 28 will conduct a joint service at 7:15 p.m. Monday, followed by the Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates' Two-bell service at 8 p.m. On Tuesday, Knights of Columbus Council 954 will conduct services at 8 p.m.

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Charles G. Pettus
Monongahela

Services were held for Charles G. Pettus, 59, of Monongahela, who died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008. Born June 23, 1948, in Atlanta, Ga., he was the son of the late Charles C. and Bobby Jean Peterson Pettus. Charlie was currently working for his brother at JCP Trucking Co. as a truck driver. He is survived by his loving companion, Geraldine Lukach, of Monongahela; five step-children, Rose (John) Bonnett, of Monongahela, George (Nancey) Lukach, of Charleroi, Stacey Lukach, of Monongahela, Marlene (Walter) Link, of Greensburg, and Sami (Chris) Povich, of Killeen, Texas; seven step-grandchildren, Tara (Dennis) Grice, of Lakeland, Fla., Ashley (David) Brice and Justin Rodabaugh, both of Monongahela, Ebony Lukach, of Rochester, N.Y., Franie Taylor, of Donora, Sandy (Nick) Currey, of Uniontown, and George Lukach, of Charleroi; four step-great-grandchildren, Tyler and Joshua Rodabaugh, Dennis Grice III and Summer Currey. Friends were received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, Monongahela (724-258-6767). Interment will be private and held at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Genevieve J. Smail
New Eagle

Genevieve Josephine Smail, 89, of New Eagle, died unexpectedly on Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born Dec. 31, 1918, in Monongahela, a daughter of the late Jack and Marie Appolonia Pietroboni. Mrs. Smail was a member of the Church of God in Monongahela and very active in their hoagie sales. She was formerly employed by US Steel, Clairton Works during World War II and at Halpern Costume Factory in New Eagle. She was a crossing guard for several years for the children at Roosevelt School and had owned and operated Smail's Confectionary Store on Keenan Hill, both in New Eagle. She also was formerly employed in the produce department at Trax Farm in Finleyville. She enjoyed ceramics and bowling. She is survived by her son, Ernest Smail and wife, Dee, of New Eagle; three granddaughters, Celene Mitchell, Debra Crownover and husband, Kenneth, and Shelley Miller and husband, Scott; six great-grandchildren, Joel Patton, Kassandra and Allyssa Crownover, Zachary and Caitlyn Painter, and Hayley Miller; two brothers, Dominick Pietroboni, of Monongahela, and Edward Pietroboni, of Fairless Hills. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Grover Cleveland Smail, on April 30, 1988; a son, Grover C. Smail Jr.; four sisters, her twin, Josephine Smith, Catherine Young, Martha Fleck and Elizabeth Pergola; and four brothers, Jerome and Joseph Pietroboni, and two who died in infancy. Friends will be received Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Edward Burdett officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of God, 531 West Main St., Monongahela, Pa. 15063.

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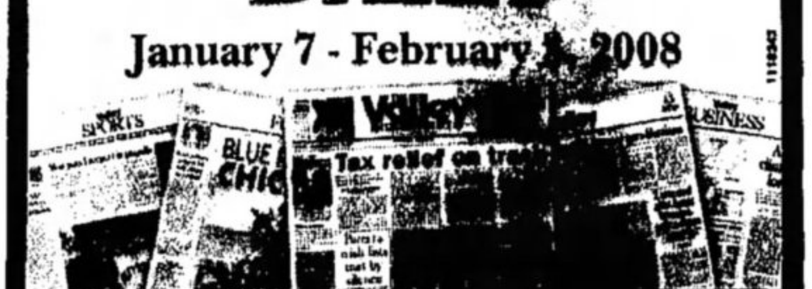

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

The following people appeared Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso for preliminary hearings:

■ Christopher M. Bujanowski, 35, of 167 Gillespie Hollow, Fayette City; charged with retail theft, and criminal conspiracy to commit retail theft July 20 at Wal-Mart; charges were waived to court.

■ James O. Shepard, 47, of 18 Elm St., Monessen; charged with simple assault, terroristic threats and recklessly endangering another person Dec. 10 at his residence; charges were withdrawn.

■ Stephen M. Boord, 43, of 1308 State Road, Monessen; charged with DUI Nov. 18 on Third Street, Monessen. The case was waived to court.

■ Floyd N. Brooks, 55, 815 S. Main St., Apt 418, Washington; charged with theft of leased property at Fayco in Pricedale, on July 12. A warrant was issued for failure to appear in court.

■ Daniel A. Snyder, 23, 208 Indiana Ave., Monessen; charged with burglary, criminal trespass and theft Sept. 3 at 307 Peach St., Rostraver Township; charges were waived to court.

■ Antwon Manson, 35, of 335 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen; charged with deceptive business practices, theft, and receiving stolen property for failure to repair houses for Mission Build in Monessen from May 31 to Aug. 1; charges were waived to court.

■ Richard A. Cameron, 18, of 156 Gaudio Drive, Rostraver Estates, Belle Vernon; charged with terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another, simple assault . . . and harassment at his residence Jan. 6; charges were waived to court.

■ Roxanne Hill, 45, of 471 Snyder St., Connellsville; charged with theft by deception, receiving stolen property, criminal attempt and criminal conspiracy Dec. 13 at Ollie's; charges were waived to court.

■ Wayne Lee Hill, 47, of 411 Snyder St., Connellsville; charged with theft by deception, receiving stolen property, criminal attempt and criminal conspiracy Dec. 13 at Ollie's; charges were waived to court.

POLICE LOG

Rostraver Township

■ Terri Janet Hess-Petrick, 38, of 159 Almond Road, Bentleyville, was charged with retail theft of $54 in DVDs at 12:25 p.m. Sunday from Wal-Mart, police said.

■ Loverta Q. Miller, 51, of 858 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with theft by deception after an incident Dec. 27 at Rostraver Beauty Salon, 1733 Rostraver Road. Police said Miller wrote a $1,100 check to the business from a closed checking account.

Monessen

■ Matthew Vasquez, 19, of Belle Vernon, was picked up by police on active warrants 1 p.m. Jan. 18 and taken to the Westmoreland County Jail.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Free tax help available today

Volunteer tax preparers will be on hand from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Schooner Youth Center, 701 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, to pass out literature and provide free tax counseling and advice. Those interested in having taxes prepared at this VITA location can call (724) 684-5107 beginning Jan. 22. Appointments will start Feb. 1.

Suzanne Pleshette dies in Los Angeles at age 70

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Suzanne Pleshette, the beautiful, husky-voiced film and theater star best known for her role as Bob Newhart's sardonic wife on television's long-running "The Bob Newhart Show," has died, said her attorney Robert Finkelstein. She was 70.

Pleshette, who underwent chemotherapy for lung cancer in 2006, died of respiratory failure Saturday evening at her Los Angeles home, said Finkelstein, who is also a family friend.

"The Bob Newhart Show, a hit throughout its six-year run, starred comedian Newhart as a Chicago psychiatrist surrounded by eccentric patients. Pleshette provided the voice of reason.

Born Jan. 31, 1937, in New York City, Pleshette began her career as a stage actress after attending the city's High School of the Performing Arts and studying at its Neighborhood Playhouse. She was often picked for roles because of her beauty and her throaty voice.

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 21

Today is Monday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2008. There are 345 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight

On Jan. 21, 1958, Charles Starkweather, 19, killed the mother, stepfather and half-sister of his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate, at her family's home in Lincoln, Neb. (Starkweather, who had also killed a gas station attendant the previous November, and Fugate went on a road trip which resulted in seven more slayings. Starkweather was executed in 1959; Fugate, who maintained she had been Starkweather's hostage, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life; she was paroled in 1976.)

On this date:

■ In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis the XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

■ In 1858, Felix Marma Zuloaga became president of Mexico upon the ouster of Ignacio Comonfort.

■ In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public. (However, the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr. two weeks later).

■ In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

■ In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who always proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

■ In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

■ In 1968, the Battle of Khe Sahn began during the Vietnam War as North Vietnamese forces attacked a U.S. Marine base; the Americans were able to hold their position until the siege was lifted 2 1/2 months later.

■ In 1968, an American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material.

■ In 1976, the supersonic Concorde jet was put into service by Britain and France.

■ **Ten years ago**: President Bill Clinton angrily denied reports he had had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and then tried to get her to lie about it.

■ **Five years ago**: The Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

■ **One year ago**: Venzuelan President Hugo Chavez told U.S. officials to "Go to hell, gringos!" and called Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "missy" on his weekly radio and TV show, lashing out at Washington for what he called unacceptable meddling in his country's affairs.

Associated Press

A Palestinian boy looks on as others lineup today to buy bread from a bakery in Gaza City. The Hamas leader of the Gaza Strip, Ismail Haniyeh, requested today that Egypt open a crossing with the Palestinian territory to let in humanitarian aid and supplies.

3-way standoff at root of cross-border violence

Israel, Hamas, Abbas involved in ongoing dispute.

By KARIN LAUB
Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel looks powerless to stop the barrage of rockets from Hamas-ruled Gaza. The Islamic militants, choked by a blockade of their territory, find it increasingly difficult to hold on to power. And moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is facing growing pressure to suspend peace talks because of Israel's strikes in Gaza.

No one appears able to win the upper hand in this volatile three-way standoff, and only an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal or an Israeli reoccupation of Gaza would likely break through the deadlock.

Yet the persistent cross-border violence — the latest round killed 38 Palestinians and rained rockets on Israeli border towns — jeopardizes the very prospects for such an agreement. During his Mideast peace mission last week, President Bush held out hope for an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal in 2008, but the latest fighting erupted while he was still in the region.

Even the current escalation — Israel cut off fuel supplies to Gaza and Hamas fired dozens of rockets — won't change the basic equation.

Israel's mighty military has not found a way to halt the crude rockets, short of a full-scale invasion of Gaza. Hamas can't govern effectively because of the crippling economic sanctions, and Gazans are becoming increasingly vocal in their complaints about their rulers' failure to provide basic services.

Abbas is too weak to regain control of Gaza. The TV images of Israeli missiles pounding Hamas targets and Gaza City's residents huddling in darkness have deepened the image of Abbas as an ineffective leader, while Hamas has gained sympathy.

"We are entrenched in a reality in which no side alone can solve the problem," said Israeli counterterrorism expert Yoni Fighel.

Yet it's extremely unlikely the three could find a way to coexist.

Israel says it won't negotiate a cease-fire deal with Hamas, for fear the militants, committed to Israel's destruction, would exploit a lull to boost their already considerable arsenal. Since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza more than two years ago, Hamas has smuggled large amounts of weapons through tunnels from Egypt.

Abbas distrusts Hamas, especially since the group wrested control of Gaza from him by force in June. He has tied his political fortunes to backing by the West, which rules out a partnership with Hamas.

Hamas fears it would be further isolated by progress in talks between Israel and the Abbas government, and has successfully disrupted negotiations in the past by carrying out attacks on Israel.

Militants strike Pakistani supply trucks

The vehicles were headed for Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Militants in southwestern Pakistan blew up three trucks carrying provisions for coalition forces in neighboring Afghanistan, in the latest of several attacks on a key supply line for the troops, police said today.

One of the drivers was slightly hurt in the overnight blasts in the town of Chaman, but two fuel tankers and a rig carrying a shipping container were completely destroyed, local police said.

Allied commanders in Afghanistan say that about 40 percent of their logistic supplies enter the landlocked country via Pakistan. The NATO-led coalition fighting al-Qaida and Taliban militants there currently numbers about 42,000 troops from 26 nations, with an additional 13,000 Americans operating independently along the eastern border with Pakistan.

Since there is no rail link between the two neighboring nations, all cargo arriving overland from Pakistan's main port of Karachi is trucked into Afghanistan. Militants allied with al-Qaida and the Taliban have made sporadic attampts in the past to disrupt the supply lines by attacking the convoys.

Dozens of attacks have taken place at Chaman and at another crossing at Torkham. In October, another fuel tanker was set ablaze in Chaman, injuring its driver while he waited for paperwork to be completed for entering Afghanistan.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $317,192.50.

Lottery officials said 160 players matched four numbers and won $317 each; 5,500 players matched three numbers and won $10 each; and 59,741 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Americans abroad can vote online

MEXICO CITY (AP) — This year, for the first time, expatriate Democrats can cast their ballots on the Internet in a presidential primary for people living outside the United States.

Democrats Abroad, an official branch of the party representing overseas voters, will hold its first global presidential preference primary from Feb. 5 to 12, with ex-pats selecting the candidate of their choice by Internet as well as fax, mail and in-person at polling places in more than 100 countries.

Democrats Abroad is particularly proud of the online voting option — which provides a new alternative to the usual process of voting from overseas, a system made difficult by complicated voter registration paperwork, early deadlines and unreliable foreign mail service.

"The online system is incredibly secure: That was one of our biggest goals," said Lindsey Reynolds, executive director of Democrats Abroad. "And it does allow access to folks who ordinarily wouldn't get to participate."

U.S. citizens wanting to vote online must join Democrats Abroad before Feb. 1 and indicate their preference to vote by Internet instead of in the local primaries wherever they last lived in the United States.

They must promise not to vote twice for president, but can still participate in non-presidential local elections.

Obama emphasizes he's not a Muslim

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Barack Obama is stepping up his effort to correct the misconception that he's a Muslim now that the presidential campaign has hit the Bible Belt.

At a rally to kick off a weeklong campaign for the South Carolina primary, Obama tried to set the record straight from an attack circulating widely on the Internet that is designed to play into prejudices against Muslims and fears of terrorism.

"I've been to the same church — the same Christian church — for almost 20 years," Obama said, stressing the word Christian and drawing cheers from the faithful in reply. "I was sworn in with my hand on the family Bible. Whenever I'm in the United States Senate, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. So if you get some silly e-mail ... send it back to whoever sent it and tell them this is all crazy. Educate."

Obama is referring to a debunked chain e-mail circulating widely on the Internet that suggests he is hiding his Islamic roots and may be a terrorist in disguise. It says he was sworn into the Senate on the Quran and turns his back on the flag during the pledge.

There are some truths in the e-mail's details. Obama's middle name is Hussein. His father and stepfather were Muslim. And he spent part of his childhood in Indonesia, a largely Muslim country.

But he attended secular and Catholic schools, not a radical madrassa.

Asian, Indian markets plunge

TOKYO (AP) — Asian stock markets plunged Monday following declines on Wall Street last week amid investor pessimism over the U.S. government's stimulus plan to prevent a recession.

India's benchmark Sensex stock index fell as much as 10.9 percent in afternoon trading, while Hong Kong's blue-chip Hang Seng index plummeted 5.5 percent to 23,818.86, its biggest percentage drop since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Investors dumped shares because they were skeptical about an economic stimulus plan President George W. Bush announced Friday. The plan, which requires approval by Congress, calls for about $145 billion worth of tax relief to encourage consumer spending.

Concern about the outlook for the U.S. economy, a major export market for Asian companies, has sent Asian markets sliding in 2008. Just last Wednesday, the Hang Seng index sank 5.4 percent.

"It's another horrible day," said Francis Lun, a general manager at Fulbright Securities in Hong Kong. "Today it's because of disappointment that the U.S. stimulus (package) is too little, too late and investors feel it won't help the economy recover."

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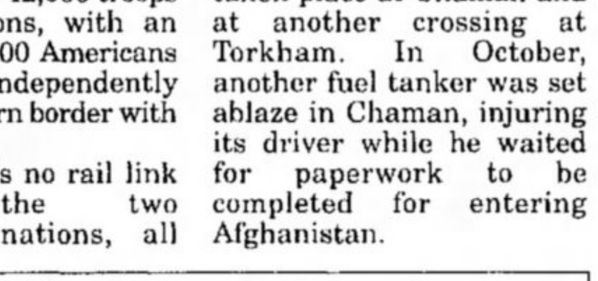
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OUR OPINION

Another failure for Pa. education

PENNSYLVANIA HAS thrown in the towel, saying "no mas" to a second language graduation requirement.

The state Board of Education has given up trying to include basic foreign-language skills as a high school graduation requirement. A regulatory review panel removed foreign languages from the list of school subjects.

Sacre bleu!

The state has required all school districts since 1966 to offer at least two foreign language courses. However, school districts decide whether it should be a graduation requirement.

Many school districts resisted when the state board passed a regulation in 1993 making proficiency in a foreign language mandatory for graduation. Supposedly there's not enough money to hire qualified teachers. When is there?

But even semi-literate grandparents who emigrated from the old country didn't need money or teaching certificates to immerse their grandchildren in foreign language lessens. Fluency in a second language is second nature to many who were home schooled that way in this region.

Don't blame the children for not being able to learn. (Too many yayas proved that they could.) Blame the state for not being able to teach.

Instead of raising the bar to offer a classic, well-rounded education, Pennsylvania lowers it.

That's failure in any language.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times, on Ivy League endowment funds:

Yale University has followed Harvard in deciding to use more of their multibillion-dollar endowment funds to help make the Ivy League institutions more affordable.

Yale will increase by 37 percent, to $1.15 billion, what it will spend from its $22.5 billion endowment. The $307 million hike will pay for additional financial aid to help students meet the $45,000 annual cost of tuition, room and board. It will also help fund biomedical and scientific research and make more courses available online. ...

Last month Harvard said it, too, will hike its endowment spending to increase financial aid to low- and middle-income students. Officials said they would boost by $22 million, from 4.3 percent to 5 percent, annual spending from the $35 billion endowment fund. ...

The universities are acting partly in response to congressional pressure, especially from Sen. Charles E. Grassley of Iowa, the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, which is responsible for writing tax laws.

Sen. Grassley has pushed for federal legislation requiring colleges and universities to spend a minimum amount of their $340 billion worth of endowments. He views it as a matter of tax fairness since, he argues, American taxpayers, in effect, subsidize tax-exempt endowments and "they deserve public benefit in return." ...

Sen. Grassley credited Yale and Harvard for setting an example "for all well-funded schools to do the same."

But that should be their choice, based on decisions by university officials.

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Leave baseball alone

Charley **REESE**

The U.S. Congress should butt out of baseball. Whether players have used steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is a matter for the players, the owners and the fans to settle. It does not concern the federal government.

One reason Congress is so inefficient and ineffective is that it wanders off the reservation too often, wasting time on topics and matters that the Constitution gives it no authority to mess with. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight Committee, which recently held hearings on the topic, unfortunately is not only ignorant and/or disdainful of the Constitution, but seems to be a congenital busybody.

Baseball is a game, and in the case of professional baseball, it is a commercial enterprise. Last time I checked, maintaining the purity of sports was not included in the powers assigned to Congress by the Constitution. In the meantime, there are plenty of legitimate government sins, crimes and goofs that need the public spotlight.

I'm not a fan of any kind of drugs, legal or illegal, prescription or over-the-counter. Yet we should face the fact that ours is a drug-saturated society. Not only do the pharmaceutical companies bombard us with billions of dollars' worth of advertising for their various nostrums and pills, most Americans seem to approve of them. This topic always brings to mind the comment of a chiropractor who said of medical doctors, "If they can't cut it or drug it, they don't know what to do."

Apparently, millions of children are put on drugs to "cure" what used to be called "restlessness" or "boredom." What are these but performance-enhancing drugs for the classroom? At the same time, one can say with fair certainty that the prevailing philosophy in America, such as we have, is that winning is the only thing that counts. So, if winning is all that counts, and we already drug just about everything that walks on two legs, why shouldn't athletes take performance-enhancing drugs?

Don't say that it's because these drugs can cause bad side effects. Most drugs on the market are capable of doing that. What is the difference between well-regulated training and nutritional supplements and steroids or testosterone? I'd like to see an open, intelligent, nonhysterical debate on that topic. Most high-school athletes receive the same pressure to win at any cost. Many of them, I suspect, are receiving mixed messages on the topic of drugs, some of them laced with a wink and a nod.

As for me, I'd prefer that athletes refrain from all but vitamins and good nutrition. If Babe Ruth could hit 60 home runs in one season on hot dogs, steak, whiskey, beer, soda pop and cigars, then today's athletes should at least begin from the same starting line. I say this only in the interest of fairness.

Since the baseball owners and the baseball players' union were obviously condoning, in one way or another, drug use by the players, it would be unfair to punish any of them for past sins. If baseball's going to get tough on drugs, everybody should be given a fresh start. Otherwise, they'll just be scapegoating certain players.

Furthermore, if the fans don't care, if parents don't care, why should anybody else care whether the athlete gets his body from the gym or the drugstore? I lost interest in professional sports several years ago, as well as in the semipro sports most people call collegiate.

At any rate, Congress has far more serious problems to attend to without wasting its time on baseball players. With the economy skittering on the brink of the dump, with other major powers becoming more alienated, not to mention health, environmental and agricultural problems, these overpaid politicians should adopt at least a 40-hour workweek and do the jobs they're paid to do.

Investigate torture

Nat **HENTOFF**

Attorney General Michael Mukasey has appointed a widely respected 25-year veteran of the Justice Department, John Durham, to conduct a criminal investigation into the CIA's destruction of videos showing the waterboarding and other harshly "coercive" abuses of a key terrorist. Durham will report to a deputy attorney general who then reports to Mukasey — and thereby will not be autonomous (equivalent in authority to an attorney general).

Accordingly, when Durham seeks the power to go as high as necessary to find the ultimate source for the CIA to engage in torture (as waterboarding is defined in our law), the result will be — as ACLU legal counsel Christopher Anders told Reuters (Jan. 6) — that "Mukasey has kept Durham on a leash."

With approval of "the leash," The Wall Street Journal, in an editorial (Jan. 4) notes that, "Mr. Durham will at least have some political supervision as he assesses whether genuine crimes were committed." But this investigation's mission IS to dig into the thicket of Justice Department political involvement in the origins of these crimes — and name those accountable without regard to political considerations.

Unintentionally, a New York Sun editorial (Jan. 3) opposing the appointment of a fully independent counsel reveals why Mukasey acted to keep the investigation well within the Justice Department family. Durham, says the Sun, "'will report to the deputy attorney general, as do all United States attorneys in the ordinary course.' The deputy attorney general reports to Mr. Mukasey, who reports to President Bush."

But it was Bush who, on Feb. 7, 2002, issued an Executive Order that Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, signed by this country and prohibiting "cruel treatment and torture" of detainees, does not apply to captured (or suspected) members of Al Qaeda. Moreover, on July 20, 2007, in another Executive Order, he authorized the continuance of the CIA program of secret detention and the coercive interrogation included in the destroyed CIA videotapes.

Therefore, shouldn't a thorough, independent investigation of those tapes lead to a subpoena of the president to testify on his justification in law for those Executive Orders? Would Mukasey allow Durham to send that subpoena?

The attorney general already supports the president's special wartime authority in certain national security matters — as when Mukasey told an American Bar Association panel in December he agrees with Bush that the telecommunications companies that cooperated with the National Security Agency's lawless, warrantless spying on our phone calls should be exempted from prosecution. It was the president who revised our rule of law to, at first, secretly give the NSA the power to illegally subvert citizens' privacy in this way.

But there is a way to provide credibility to a criminal investigation of the destroyed CIA tapes in full context. Constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein, who served in the Reagan Justice Department and is chairman of the American Freedom Agenda, tells me:

"The flaw in the current arrangements (by which Durham will conduct the investigation) is that the attorney general is still entrusted with determining whether to invoke state secrets or executive privilege to withhold critical evidence from the prosecutor. It would be like President Nixon determining what evidence to give Archibald Cox or Leon Jaworski investigating Watergate.

"That is why," Bruce Fein continues, "I have called for Congress to create a new version of the lapsed independent counsel statute that would apply to situations when the executive branch is investigating itself, and a clear conflict of political interest arises.

"This new statute would make the independent counsel appointed by a three-judge panel as before. That independent counsel could not be dismissed except for egregious misbehavior, and any dismissal would be subject to judicial review."

Fein then gets to another vital provision that would indeed ensure this criminal investigation would be independent. "Most important," he says, "the independent counsel would enjoy authority to challenge in federal courts any state secrets privilege — or executive privilege — claim interposed by the president or the attorney general to block access to relevant information.

"The independent counsel could be made permanent for the general category of executive branch conflict of political interest cases — or be special for the videotape interrogation case alone. And the statute should also make it a crime for the executive branch to retaliate or demote any government official cooperating with the investigation."

Sen. John McCain strongly objects to torture and certainly believes in the separation of powers. He could introduce a bill creating this statue that would really get to the bottom — and the top — of the CIA's destruction of those videotapes, leading to a probe of the administration's other practices of torture.

Nat Hentoff is a nationally renowned authority on the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights.

Associated Press

If the presidential nominations aren't locked up after Feb. 5 - so-called Super Tuesday - when more than 20 states hold nominating contests and nearly half the convention delegates are up for grabs, Pennsylvania's April 22 primary could be pivotal for Hillary Clinton, above, and other presidential hopefils.

Primary (FROM PAGE THREE)

being important to the Democratic nominee," Gov. Ed Rendell said.

The governor had pushed unsuccessfully to have Pennsylvania's primary in February because so many other states were having early contests. The plan died in the state Senate.

"Ironically, it could be that coming late in this particular year could be advantageous," said Bert A. Rockman, chairman of the political science department at Purdue University.

Those vying for the Republican and Democratic nominations have split the early nominating contests, with no clear front-runners emerging. Contests on Saturday in the South Carolina Republican primary and Nevada caucuses continued that trend.

U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois are locked in a close battle for the Democratic nomination.

Clinton, the winner in New Hampshire, won the popular vote in Nevada, but Obama, who ran second, gained one more delegate -- 13 to Clinton's 12 -- according to an AP analysis of caucus results. Obama won more delegates, despite getting fewer overall votes, because of the proportional manner in which Nevada awards delegates. Obama earlier triumphed in the Iowa caucus. The next showdown will be the South Carolina Democratic primary on Saturday.

The outlook is more muddled on the Republican side.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, the New Hampshire winner, took South Carolina. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who captured Michigan, won the Nevada caucus. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won Iowa, ran a strong second to McCain in South Carolina. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is pinning his entire campaign on the Jan. 29 primary in Florida.

The fractured nature of the race has led Republican leaders to speculate about the possibility of the first contested GOP convention in 60 years. The Republicans' last multi-ballot convention was in 1948, when New York Gov. Thomas Dewey prevailed on the third ballot only to lose the general election to Democrat Harry S. Truman.

Still, some analysts are skeptical that either race will continue in earnest beyond Feb. 5 - so-called Super Tuesday - when more than 20 states hold nominating contests and nearly half the convention delegates are up for grabs. More than 40 states, territories and the District of Columbia have primaries or caucuses before Pennsylvania.

"It is perfectly possible that, as late as it is, the Pennsylvania primary will still matter in at least one party," said Larry J. Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

"Will it happen? The odds certainly don't favor it," he added.

Obama and Clinton would have to keep splitting contests evenly for Pennsylvania to be a factor for Democrats, he said.

"That is tough to do," Sabato said. "At some point, if one candidate gets a head of steam and wins several big ones in a row, momentum may be unstoppable."

On the other hand, he said, there are "strong, well-funded candidates in both parties who might be able to win enough delegates ... through March to keep money flowing and their candidacies alive."

A Pennsylvania presidential primary that matters would result in a "mass convergence" on Pennsylvania, said Michael Barley, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Republican Committee.

"It's going to be an extremely exciting time, if that's the case," he said.

Pittsburgh-based Democratic consultant Marty Marks agreed.

"It would become a real hot battle," he said. "You'd see an influx of seasoned staff people coming from different parts of the country. You would see relentless phone banking to talk to voters. (Candidates) would buy everything they could on the airwaves."

Police standoff triggers debate

Neighbors wonder if the area near Cedric Wilson's home needed to be evacuated after the Steelers wide receiver's girlfiend fired two shots.

By MIKE CRONIN
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The day after a police-ordered evacuation of the neighborhood, residents of Blue Heron Drive in Pine debated whether law enforcement officials appropriately handled a standoff that occurred in the home of Steelers wide receiver Cedrick Wilson.

Police said they arrested Wilson's girlfriend, Lindsey Paulat, 26, of Fawn at 12:48 a.m. Sunday and charged her with aggravated assault and recklessly endangering another person. Police said Paulat fired two shots from a .38-caliber weapon and threatened to hurt herself.

Wilson was not at home during the shooting, police said.

No one was injured.

Evacuating 70 or so people from the area was the right thing to do, even though many had to spend the night elsewhere, said Janice Kost, 35, who lives on the same side of the street as Wilson.

"I was a little shocked at the manpower," said Kost, a stay-at-home mother who, with her husband and three young children, spent the night at her mother's house in McCandless. "I don't know police protocol in these situations. Maybe it's because of our area. Maybe it's because of the high-profile nature of who was involved. But they handled it well because everyone came out OK."

Chief Robert Amann of the Northern Regional Police Department could not be reached for comment yesterday afternoon. During an interview shortly after Paulat was taken into custody, Amann said 50 to 60 officers responded.

That seemed too many to Gretchen Dunn, 35, who lives in the first house on Blue Heron. Because of her home's location, Dunn said she could watch the action from her front window.

"I was taken aback," Dunn said. "The situation did not seem to warrant the kind of response that occurred. I thought somebody was being held hostage there. But that obviously wasn't the case."

Police said the situation escalated Saturday afternoon after Wilson and Paulat argued about 7 a.m. Paulat fired two shots into a wall about 1 p.m., police said. Wilson left his home to avoid any further confrontation, police said. Wilson returned to his home at the request of the police about 5 p.m. and learned then of the situation, Amann said in the interview.

Wilson could not be reached for comment. A call to Wilson's agent, Jonathan Blue, was not returned.

Steelers spokesman Dave Lockett said Wilson was fine.

A woman who answered the phone at Paulat's residence said the media have misreported the facts, but would not elaborate.

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Griffey immortalized by Ringgold School District

One of Donora's champions returned to the Mid-Mon Valley on Saturday to be immortalized by his hometown school district.

Ken Griffey Sr. and 380 of his relatives and friends gathered at the Willow Room in Rostraver Township to rename the Ringgold High School baseball field in honor of the baseball Hall of Famer.

Griffey, a Donora native, was on hand to autograph memorabilia offered in a silent auction.

The baseball star enjoyed a 19-year career in the major leagues that began in 1973, shortly after he graduated from Ringgold High School.

The Ringgold Rams Club hosted Saturday's event.

Monessen native and retired college football official Carl Crawley, right, of New Eagle, stands with former Cincinnati Reds slugger George Foster.

Text and Photos by Jeff Pikulsky

Ken Griffey Sr. greets Elmer Gray, the scout who signed Griffey to the professional baseball ranks in 1969 with the Cincinnati Reds.

Ken Griffey Sr., right, signed memorabilia that was part of a silent auction. Pictured with Griffey is Derrick J. Hutton, executive director of the Ken Griffey Sr. Foundation.

Ringgold High School girls' basketball coach Joe Ravasio checks out the silent auction items, especially a photo of his boyhood idol, Donora native and professional baseball Hall of Famer Stan Musial.

Ringgold Rams Club President Loretta Manus and Valley Independent sports editor Brian Herman mingle near the silent auction table. Griffey, made himself available to autograph memorabilia offered at the silent auction.

Former Ringgold High School basketball star Ulice Payne, left, enjoys a lighthearted moment with one of his past rivals, former Belle Vernon Area High School basketball coach Don Asmonga. Asmonga coached the team that played against Payne in the 1970s.

Award finalist

Steelers' receiver Hines Ward is one of five finalists for the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Federer advances

Roger Federer defeated Tomas Berdych in straight sets this morning at the Australian Open. **2B**

Weekend sweep

The Mon Valley Thunder defeated Jamestown and Valley Forge over the weekend. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Who was the New England Patriots' starting quarterback when they made their first Super Bowl appearance in 1986 against Chicago? **2B**

Sunday's scores

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New England 21, San Diego 12

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Griffey welcomed back to Donora

Former Major League Baseball star comes home for field dedication.

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Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

Ken Griffey Sr., center, gets together with four other Donora natives, from left, Ulice Payne, Ricco Davis, Charles Stacey and Judge Reggie Walton before his field dedication banquet Saturday.

See other banquet pictures on page 8A.

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — With more than 2,000 hits and a .296 career batting average in 19 major league baseball seasons, Donora's Ken Griffey was a success on the diamond.

He's also a big hit off the field.

That was the word from some of his better-known friends like Donora natives Judge Reggie Walton and Ulice Payne and former Cincinnati Reds teammate and roommate George Foster at Saturday's Griffey Field Dedication Banquet.

The event was held at the Willow Room and was staged by the Ringgold Rams Club.

"I'm proud of him for the man he is," said Judge Walton. "I was a senior when he was a sophomore and wished I had his athletic ability. You see a lot of sports heroes today who are not role models and try to take the easy route to success with enhancement drugs.

"Ken has been a role model and he's always been a gentleman. He comes from good roots and had a tough taskmaster, his mother. He produced a son like Ken Jr. and you never hear anything bad about him. It's a reflection of how he was raised.

"I commend Ken for being a great man and a great father," Walton continued. "He's definitely been a role model, someone young people can look up to, and I'm proud to call him my friend."

"He's a real friend who's comfortable in his own skin," said Payne, one of the best basketball players in Ringgold history who went on to play for Marquette's national championship team and is now a distinguished Milwaukee attorney and community activist.

"He taught me a lot as a basketball player especially how to use leverage and he could jump up the gym. When I got the job as the Milwaukee Brewers CEO, I wanted him to come with me but he worked for the Reds at the time. He was one of the members of my kitchen cabinet with Hank Aaron and Willie Mays.

"I told him I had a $30 million budget for three straight years and he said I had to get out of there because we wouldn't be able to keep free agents and they wouldn't want to come to Milwaukee. He gave me the best advice and was very influential to me.

"He's a legend and this recognition is well deserved."

"We got along so well," smiled Foster, who was with Griffey for seven years in the minors and majors before both were traded to the two New York teams. Griffey went to the Yankees and Foster to the Mets.

"He was a great roommate, the best man at my wedding, and I look at him as a brother," added Foster. "Having a field dedicated to him has to be a great honor."

Charles Stacey, Griffey's home room teacher at Donora High his junior year who went on to be the school's last principal and later a Ringgold superintendent, also taught Walton and Payne.

"They succeeded despite me." he cracked.

Stacey recalled Griffey asking for advice when it came to signing with the Reds or going to college to play football and basketball.

"I told him go to college," he said. "Just think if he had listened to me he probably would have been laid off at U.S. Steel and I'd be running into him at Wal-Mart."

Griffey, meanwhile, had no second thoughts about signing with the Reds out of high school.

"I know a lot of my coaches were upset I signed for baseball because they wanted me to play football," he said. "If I had gone to college I probably would've went to Marshall University where my cousin (Larry Nelson)

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Giant upset in Green Bay

Associated Press

Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes celebrates after kicking the game-winning field goal in overtime Sunday.

Lawrence Tynes shakes off two misses to kick game-winning field goal.

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Eli Manning kept making plays. So did the Giants' defense.

Finally, Lawrence Tynes got in the act, kicking New York into the Super Bowl.

For anyone who has doubted Peyton's little brother or thought the Giants had no business in the NFC championship game at frostbitten Lambeau Field, chew on this: A Manning is going back to the Super Bowl riding a wave of road wizardry.

Manning repeatedly put the Giants in position to win Sunday, and when Tynes came through at last with a 47-yard field goal in overtime, New York had itself an improbable 23-20 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Now comes Mission Impossible: beating the undefeated New England Patriots in two weeks in a Super Bowl matchup hardly anyone saw coming.

"You never know when you're going to get your opportunity, when something is going to click, when you're going to get hot," Manning said. "You're just playing your best football at a certain time and that's what's happened with us.

"Every sort of thing has been thrown at us and we've handled it very well, I think."

What will be thrown at the Giants (13-6) in Glendale, Ariz., on Feb. 3 is perfection. The 18-0 Patriots, who finished their unblemished regular season with a 38-35 victory over New York, are partly responsible for Manning and his team making a remarkable turnaround.

With nothing to gain in that game, New York played its regulars and went all out. Manning was sensational with four touchdown passes, the beginning of a renaissance that has seen him go from unpredictable to, well, Peytonesque.

It's also seen him lead the Giants to three consecutive road playoff wins without committing a turnover; the Giants have won 10 straight away from home overall.

And this one, in minus-3 degrees (wind chill of minus-24) earned New York its first Super Bowl trip in seven years. A win in two weeks and Eli will match Peyton for NFL titles — and the Manning family will have consecutive championships.

"I saw on TV earlier this week nobody picked us to win this game," said Plaxico Burress, who had a career-high 11 catches for 154 yards. "It was kind of funny that we won nine straight games on the road and still; coming in here everybody was talking about how cold it was going to be, the weather, the wind chill, coming to Lambeau — we didn't even have a shot. Watching it on TV, all you were doing is you were laughing.

"We came here, got the job done when nobody expected us to, and came up with a win."

A win the hard way, for sure.

Tynes had two misses — a 36-yarder at the end of regulation following a bad snap, and a 43-yarder with 6:49 to go — before nailing his long winner 2:35 into OT.

He got another chance in overtime after Corey Webster intercepted a struggling Brett Favre, the kind of mistake Manning often made before his recent turnaround.

"I screwed it up twice," said Tynes, who sprinted straight to the

(See GIANTS, Page 2B)

18-0 Patriots win ugly

Tom Brady wasn't at his best in leading New England to the Super Bowl.

By BEN WALKER
AP National Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady bounced a couple of passes, sailed a few more and threw three to the wrong team.

Hardly perfect. Hardly mattered, either.

The New England Patriots still were too good for the banged-up San Diego Chargers. A far-from-vintage 21-12 victory Sunday in the AFC championship game sent the Brady Bunch back to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in seven seasons.

Next up is another date with the New York Giants, and a chance for the Patriots to give their 18-0 record a whole new meaning.

"I think you enter the season and you're hoping to put together a bunch of great wins and you realize there's challenges every step of the way," Brady said. "And to not have a letdown like most teams have — we had a few letdowns or times where we didn't play our best, but we overcame them."

Yet for everything the Patriots have accomplished — they're the only team in NFL history to start out with 18 straight victories — they're well aware they must win that final matchup to avoid being relegated to a footnote.

"We'll try to elevate our game for one last performance," said Brady, MVP in two of the three Super Bowls he's won.

All season long, coach Bill Belichick focused solely on the upcoming opponent. Showered by confetti on a postgame platform, the man of few words gave his team the OK to talk about the biggest game of all.

"Now we can look ahead," he said.

And prepare to see a familiar face in Eli Manning and the Giants on Feb. 3 in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots finished off their exhibition schedule by beating the Giants, then wrapped up the regular season by defeating them in a 38-35 thriller.

The Chargers seemed to stand little chance, especially with star LaDainian Tomlinson injured.

Nursing a bad left knee, Tomlinson did not get off on the right foot and watched most of the game in a parka. San Diego kept it close by intercepting Brady a season-high three times, and trailed 14-12 going into the fourth quarter.

Brady made several stunningly poor throws that fluttered in the wind, Randy Moss was a non-factor for the second straight game and the highest-scoring team in NFL history sputtered all afternoon. Instead, the Patriots relied on Laurence Maroney's

(See PATRIOTS, Page 2B)

Associated Press

New England quarterback Tom Brady lifts the Lamar Hunt Trophy as teammate Junior Seau looks on after the Patriots won Sunday's AFC Championship Game.

Ward finalist for Payton Award

Honor recognizes off-field community service and on-field performance.

NEW YORK (AP) — Hines Ward, Jason Taylor, Jason Witten and Brian Waters were selected as finalists for the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

The winner will be announced at the Super Bowl in Glendale, Ariz., on Feb. 3. The award named for Hall of Famer Walter Payton is the only league award that recognizes community involvement and service, as well as on-field performance.

Ward, a four-time Pro Bowl receiver for the Steelers, established a foundation in 2006 to assist biracial children in South Korea who face discrimination, and hosted eight Korean kids for a weekend in Pittsburgh this season.

"Being selected as a finalist for the 2007 Walter Payton Man of the Year is a tremendous honor for me and for my foundation," Ward said in a statement. "My charitable efforts dually represent the values that my mother instilled in me as a young child and my desire to make the world a better place for all children, in particular those of mixed race who face discrimination in Korea. I hope my nomination raises even more awareness of this cause that is so near and dear to my heart."

Taylor, Miami's leader in career sacks, launched a reading room through his foundation, to address illiteracy among inner-city youth.

Waters, an offensive lineman for Kansas City, has volunteered regularly at a youth homeless shelter in Dallas and started a foundation to help children in his hometown of Waxahachie, Texas, as well as Kansas City.

Witten led Dallas in receptions this season and is headed to his fourth straight Pro Bowl. His foundation provides support and assistance to people affected by domestic violence, and has an annual free football camp in his hometown, Elizabethton, Tenn. He has also starred in public-service announcements for the NFL's Play 60 program, which stresses the importance of getting children active.

"To be a finalist is a great honor and I am proud just to be mentioned in the same breath as Mr. Payton," Witten said in a statement. "I respect and admire what he stood for — as an NFL player and in his life away from the game."

Recent winners of the award include Drew Brees and LaDainian Tomlinson, who split the award in 2006, as well as Peyton Manning in 2005 and Warrick Dunn in 2004.

Payton himself won the award in 1977.

Hines Ward

Federer advances

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer sure didn't want to put in another 4 1/2 hours.

So he made fast work of Tomas Berdych 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-3 today to continue his march to a third consecutive Australian Open title and narrow his pursuit of Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam titles.

"It throws off your rhythm a little bit, playing a five-setter," said top-ranked Federer, who barely avoided being an upset victim in the previous round, when he survived a 10-8 final set against Janko Tipsarevic.

Federer next faces American James Blake, a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 winner over 19-year-old Croatian Marin Cilic, advancing past the fourth round here for the first time and matching his best Grand Slam showing.

Fifth-seeded David Ferrer, who lost to Federer in the Masters Cup final in November, beat fellow Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. He will play third-ranked Novak Djokovic, who ousted the last Australian hope when he defeated No. 19 Lleyton Hewitt 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

Hewitt didn't have his usual high energy level after beating Marcos Baghdatis in five sets in his previous match, which didn't end until 4:33 a.m. Sunday. That match was delayed by the length of Federer's victory over Tipsarevic.

Venus Williams, the eighth-seeded woman, realizes she needs to get over her slow starts. She had to fight back twice from service breaks in the first set before advancing to the quarters with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Marta Domachowska.

Patriots (FROM PAGE ONE)

spins, cuts and helmet-rattling runs.

"It felt like everything was a struggle today," Brady said. "We didn't perform the way I thought we were capable of."

Brady, coming off a record-setting 50 TD passes, threw for two scores. His 6-yard strike to Wes Welker early in the fourth quarter let the Patriots pull away.

"There was history on the line," New England linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "We recognize it, we acknowledge it."

New England took care of the nuts and Bolts on a most chilly day. The sellout crowd at Gillette Stadium chanted "Super Bowl! Super Bowl!" in the closing minutes, anticipating the Pats' first appearance in the game since the 2004 season.

Belichick's team eclipsed the 17-0 mark of the champion 1972 Miami Dolphins, and he'll soon try for his fourth NFL title.

Ringgold wrestlers third

Charleroi finished 10th in Washington County tournament.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Host Ringgold took third place in the third annual Washington County wrestling tournament Saturday with Charleroi 10th.

The Rams had 108 1/2 points and the Cougars 53 points.

"Overall, I am very pleased with the result," Ringgold coach Luke Smith said. "The turnout was great and it is something that we can build on."

Ringgold took 11th place last year and improved eight spots.

Charleroi coach Gregg Doerfler was a little disappointed.

"I was expecting better but we will keep working at it," he said. "We have to bounce back though because we have a very busy week."

Canon-McMillan won the tournament with 225 points.

The lone local wrestler to make the championship round was Ringgold's Fred Garcia (171), who was upset by Trinity's Kyle McWreath, 5-2.

The loss was Garcia's first of the season. He is now 18-1.

"Fred will have to bounce back," Smith said. "He will see (McWreath) again."

Three area wrestlers took third place.

Ringgold's Neal Rands (152) and Todd Miller (189) won their third place matches as did Charleroi's Ethan Radomile (285).

Charleroi had two fourth places finishers in Dave Grillo (189) and Ray Campbell (215) while Ringgold's Ian Mathies (140) also took fourth.

Grillo never took part in the consolation match lace match due to an injury default after losing in the semifinals to McGuffey's Nick Shuman, 11-8, in the semifinals.

Ringgold also had six kids miss out from placing by one round.

The Rams host Thomas Jefferson today while Charleroi resumes Tuesday at Southmoreland.

Cal U men shoot down Clarion

Lady Vulcans win 11th straight game behind Crystal Andrews' 17 points.

The California University men's basketball team regained its shooting touch Saturday.

As a result, the Vulcans snapped their two-game losing skid with a 70-60 victory over Clarion in their PSAC West opener at Hamer Hall.

The Vulcans shot 54 percent from the floor including six of nine from three-point range.

The Vulcans led 35-23 at halftime and widened the margin to 57-42 before the Golden Eagles used a 15-3 run to trim the margin to 60-57 with 2:35 to go.

James Hairston hit two free throws and Jesse Brooks, who finished with 11 points, made all six of his free throws in the final 80 seconds to ice the win.

Ron Banks led Cal (110-4) with 20 points while Theron Colao came off the bench to score 13 including three treys.

Banks

Ali Mbaye nd Colao both had seven rebounds for Cal, which held a 29-28 advantage on the boards.

Freshman Mike Sherry looked best for Clarion (8-8, 0-20 with Ricky Henderson pulling down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Cal visits Shippensburg Wednesday.

California 71, Clarion 42

Unlike the weather the California University women's basketball team is staying hot.

The Vulcans opened the PSAC West season Saturday afternoon with a convincing 71-42 romp over Clarion at Hamer Hall.

It was the 11th straight win for California (14-2).

Crystal Andrews, who didn't start, came off the bench to score a team-high 17 points.

Shaquetta Mance also came off the bench to add double figures with 10 points.

Freshman Kayla Smith contributed 16 points and a game-high nine rebounds with Amber Dubyak scoring 14 points with four three-pointers and Brooque Williams had 10 points.

The Vulcans were up 31-20 at halftime and led by as many as 25 points in the second half.

Williams and Smith both had five Cal steals with the Golden Eagles (10-6, 0-2) committing 36 turnovers.

Cal resumes Wednesday at Shippensburg.

SPORTS DIGEST

Thunder in third after weekend wins

The Mon Valley Thunder looked back on their best weekend of the season in the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League.

The Thunder (10-13-3) shaded Valley Forge, 7-6, in overtime Sunday following a 7-6 win over Jamestown Saturday to climb into third place.

K.C.Hahey was the hero in Sunday's win with three goals and two assists.

Hahey scored the game-winner in overtime after tying the game with 2:03 remaining on assists from James Matthews and Gary Klapkowski.

Klapkowski, Michael Jordan, Jim Stussy and Matthews had the other Thunder goals.

The Thunder outshot Valley Forge, 63-29.

In Saturday's win, Jerry Cardinale scored an unassisted goal with 4:05 remaining to break a 6-6 deadlock.

Klapkowski had three goals with Stussy adding two and Matthews one.

Hahey and Matthews both contributed three assists.

The Thunder outshot Jamestown, 40-29.

Dustin McDonald was the winning goalie in both games.

The Thunder are off until Sunday when they resume at once-beaten Indiana in a 4 p.m. contest.

Charleroi downs Jefferson-Morgan

The Charleroi High girls' basketball team plays at Burgettstown today in a Class AA Section 5 contest after snapping a two-game losing skid with a 62-34 romp over visiting Jefferson-Morgan Saturday.

Makayla Neff (16) and Aly Lee (15) combined for 31 points for the Lady Cougars (8-10) with Brittany Collin adding 11.

Trahan rallies for Hope victory

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — D.J. Trahan charged from four shots behind with a sparkling 7-under 65 Sunday to overtake the faltering Justin Leonard and win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Leonard stumbled after the turn and finished with a 72 that left him three shots back in second. One shot behind heading into the final hole, Leonard hit into the water on 18 at the Classic Club and took a bogey 6.

Trahan birdied the last hole to finish the 90-hole tournament at 26-under 334 for his biggest payday, $918,000, and the right to play in this year's Masters.

Kenny Perry, the 1995 Hope champion, and 22-year-old Anthony Kim, who played high school golf in nearby La Quinta, shot 69s to tie for third at 338.

Six-year contract for Rodriguez

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Rich Rodriguez agreed to a six-year deal worth $2.5 million annually when he left West Virginia last month for Michigan.

The contract, which has not been finalized or signed, also includes a $4 million buyout. The terms of Rodriguez's deal were confirmed Sunday by school spokesman Bruce Madej.

West Virginia has sued Rodriguez to collect on a $4 million buyout clause in his contract with the Mountaineers.

Phelps flirts with American record

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Michael Phelps cruised to an 8.68-second victory in the 400-yard individual medley at the Southern California Grand Prix meet Sunday night, flirting with his American record before falling off the pace.

Amanda Beard, seeking to make her fourth Olympic team at 26, finished third in the 200 breaststroke. It was Beard's first meet since November, when she swam a smaller competition in Seattle.

Phelps touched first in 3 minutes, 38.28 seconds — 2.02 seconds off his American mark set in 2006.

U.S. women booters shade China, 1-0

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) — Shannon Boxx scored on a looping header in the 77th minute Sunday and the United States beat China 1-0 to win the Four Nations Tournament.

The Chinese held off the Americans with a conservative, low-pressure game, as their players sagged back in their own half of the field most of the time.

But the Americans — undefeated in the three-game tournament — kept attacking and eventually Boxx headed the ball over the goalkeeper from 11 yards.

Hope Solo, briefly dismissed from the U.S. team for criticizing the former coach's decision to drop her during the World Cup, started in goal for the second time in the tournament and had one save.

Jones prances to win over Trinidad

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Jones Jr. defiantly wore a gilded crown into a ring surrounded by hostile fans of a Puerto Rican hero. He then taunted Felix Trinidad, waggling his chin and shaking his rump, before rudely flooring Tito twice.

Some old guys just never learn how to behave — yet the 39-year-old Jones showed he can still get down to business, pounding another iconic boxer whose prime is well past.

Jones pranced and punched his way to an unanimous victory over Trinidad on Saturday night, dominating their 170-pound bout. From the opening minutes to the increasingly lopsided final rounds, Jones simply was too fast, even in a fight that was several years too late.

Trivia answer

Steve Grogan.

Giants (FROM PAGE ONE)

locker room after his decisive kick, leaving his frozen teammates to celebrate outside. "Thank God we got another opportunity."

That extra opportunity came after Green Bay (14-4) won the OT coin toss, then turned over the ball immediately. It was the final mistake by a team outplayed much of the frigid night; aside from a second-quarter, 90-yard touchdown pass to Donald Driver, the Packers were held to 146 yards passing by a secondary criticized for being leaky, and to 28 yards rushing. They were 1-for-10 on third downs a week after blitzing Seattle in the snow.

"For me, I kept thinking how many opportunities are we going to let slip away," said Favre, who now will contemplate retiring or returning to the youngest team in the league. "It felt like everything had kind of fallen into place. I was disappointed that the last pass I threw was intercepted."

He wound up 19-for-35 for 236 yards and two interceptions. It's now a decade since the career leader in most NFL passing categories has been to the big game.

Manning went 21-for-40 for 254 yards and was the best quarterback on the tundra Sunday. Next, he'll go up against league MVP Tom Brady in the ultimate test. Considering what the Giants have achieved in the past month, who is to doubt the baby brother quarterback?

Just a month ago, Eli's moxie was being questioned as the Giants struggled to clinch a wild-card berth. He responded with the best work of his four-year career. He must sustain it against an opponent seeking its fourth Super Bowl title in seven years, as well as the league's first perfect season since Miami went 17-0 in 1972.

Griffey (FROM PAGE ONE)

went. They had that plane crash the following year, so by the grace of God I'm here."

Griffey, meanwhile, was at a loss for words when it came to the testimonial.

"I'm home now and it's a pleasure to be here, but I never set out for this," he said. "I just wanted to be myself, and I'm overwhelmed."

The banquet had some touching moments including a video which ended with his close friend Joe Perrotta, who died in April at the age of 61, and his wife, the former Valarie Lawson, singing "The Way We Were."

Other speakers included Donora Mayor John Lignelli, Ringgold School Board President Denise Kuhn, who brought the field dedication sign, Ringgold Rams Club president Loretta Manus and Brad Bassi of the Ringgold Rams Club. WTAE-TV news anchor Andrew Stockey served as toastmaster.

SPORTS

NFL playoffs

Conference Championships
AFC
[illegible]
NFC
[illegible]
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
Glendale, Ariz.
[illegible]

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
[illegible]	27	17	3	57	115	108
[illegible]	27	17	3	57	135	123
[illegible]	26	19	5	57	153	128
[illegible]	24	19	5	53	115	131
[illegible]	22	21	6	50	118	128

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
[illegible]	30	14	4	64	163	136
[illegible]	24	15	8	56	142	131
[illegible]	24	18	5	53	123	124
[illegible]	20	20	6	46	138	152
[illegible]	19	22	5	43	138	160

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
[illegible]	23	23	4	50	152	162
[illegible]	23	23	3	49	140	160
[illegible]	21	23	5	47	137	147
[illegible]	21	24	4	46	122	140
[illegible]	19	24	5	43	137	157

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
[illegible]	35	10	4	74	169	109
[illegible]	24	20	6	52	123	124
[illegible]	23	20	4	50	133	131
[illegible]	23	21	4	50	137	139
[illegible]	22	17	6	50	117	123

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
[illegible]	26	18	4	56	136	131
[illegible]	24	17	3	56	144	142
[illegible]	26	18	3	55	130	132
[illegible]	25	18	5	55	126	115
[illegible]	22	23	5	49	133	151

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
[illegible]	29	18	5	61	154	132
[illegible]	27	18	6	60	133	132
[illegible]	25	15	7	57	122	116
[illegible]	24	21	2	50	125	129
[illegible]	19	28	2	40	140	165

[illegible] points for a win, one point for overtime [illegible] or shootout loss

Sunday's Games
[illegible]
Edmonton 4, Atlanta 2
[illegible]
[illegible]
Toronto 3, Toronto 2
[illegible]
Colorado [illegible], Columbus 3

Today's Games
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	24	1	0	48
Worcester	13	10	2	28
Mon Valley	10	13	3	23
Jamestown	10	16	0	20
Valley Forge	7	17	2	16

Saturday
Mon Valley 7, Jamestown 6
Indiana 11, Valley Forge 2
Sunday
Mon Valley 7, Valley Forge 6 (ot)
Friday
Valley Forge at Jamestown
Saturday
Jamestown at Indiana
Worcester at Valley Forge
Sunday
Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)

Sports moves

BASEBALL
National League
HOUSTON ASTROS–Agreed to terms with RHP Geoff Geary on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS–Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Proctor on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA–Suspended Atlanta G Anthony Johnson for one game for flagrantly fouling Toronto G Jose Calderon by striking him in the head in a Jan. 18 game.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS–Assigned LW Drew Miller to Portland (AHL).
ATLANTA THRASHERS–Recalled D Joel Kwiatkowski from Chicago (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE–Placed F Paul Stastny on injured reserve. Recalled F Daniel Jones from Lake Erie (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS–Activated LW Fredrik Modin and D Ole-Kristian Tollefsen from injured reserve. Assigned D Dane Westcott to Syracuse (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES–Assigned D Matt Jones to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled RW Bill Thomas from San Antonio.
SAN JOSE SHARKS–Placed C Curtis Brown on injured reserve. Recalled LW Tommy Pihl from Worcester (AHL).

COLLEGE
RICHMOND–Named Mike London football coach.

Cal U lineups

Men
California - 70

Mboye, 2-0-4; Hairston, 2-2-6; Logan, 10-1-6; Brooks, 2-6-11; Banks, 8-4-20; Sawyer, 2-0-5; Colao, 5-0-0-13; Berenato, 0-0-2; Vaughn, 1-0-2; Johnson, 0-0-0; Parker, 0-0-0. Totals: FG 26 (48), F - 17 (71), T - 70.

Clarion - 60

Henderson, 1-2-4; Gross, 4-0-8; Jones, 2-0-4; Graham, 1-1-4; Sherry, 6-0-14; Hollis, 3-0-8; Yanke, 2-0-5. Totals: FG 23 (50), F - 7 (34), T - 60.

Halftime score: 35-23, California.

Three-pointers: California (6-9) Colao 3, Brooks, Sawyer, Berenato. Clarion (7-17) Sherry 2, Hollis 2, Graham, Richburg, Yanke.

Women
California - 71

Andrews, 7-0-17; Johnson, 1-2-4; Williams, 4-2-10; Dubyak, 5-4-14; Smith, 6-4-16; DiPietro, 0-0-0; Mance, 5-0-10; Evans, 0-0-0. Totals: FG 28, F - 8 (12), T - 71

Clarion - 42

Albanese, 3-1-7; Cohill, 1-0-2; Grimm, 4-0-9; Greer, 0-1-7; Pratt, 2-0-4; Smith, 1-0-2; Franklin, 0-2-2; Zabresky, 4-1-9. Totals: FG - 15 (46), F - 11 (15), T - 42.

Halftime score: 31-20, California.

Three-pointers: California (7-15) Dubyak 4, Andrews 3. Clarion (1-12) Grimm.

Nicklas Backstrom and the Washington Capitals will face the Penguins at 7:30 p.m. on Versus.

Sports dial

Today
Television
3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis, tape delay.
5:30 p.m. - TNT - Chicago at Memphis, pro basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Syracuse at Georgetown, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - North Carolina at Connecticut, women's college basketball.
7:30 p.m. - Versus - Washington at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. - TNT - Cleveland at Miami, pro basketball.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Texas at Oklahoma State, college basketball.
9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.
10:30 p.m. - TNT - Denver at Los Angeles Lakers, pro basketball.
Midnight - ESPN - San Francisco at Gonzaga, college basketball.
Radio
7:30 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Washington at Pittsburgh, hockey.
Tuesday
Television
3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	2	0	12	4
Indiana	1	0	9	7
Lock Haven	1	1	1	15
California	1	0	10	4
Clarion	0	2	8	8
Shippensburg	0	2	6	11
Slippery Rock	1	1	3	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	2	0	12	4
Kutztown	2	0	10	5
East Stroudsburg	1	0	12	3
Cheyney	1	1	8	6
West Chester	0	1	8	7
Bloomsburg	0	2	8	8
Mansfield	0	2	12	4

Saturday
California 70, Clarion 60
Edinboro 71, Shippensburg 64
Slippery Rock 60, Lock Haven 56
Central State 79, Indiana 55
Cheyney 85, Bloomsburg 63
Kutztown 70, West Chester 54
Millersville 74, Mansfield 68
East Stroudsburg 72, Univ. of Sciences 56
Sunday
District of Columbia 69, Cheyney 66
Wednesday
California at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at Indiana
Lock Haven at Clarion
Bloomsburg at East Stroudsburg
West Chester at Cheyney
Millersville at Kutztown
District of Columbia at Mansfield

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Shippensburg	2	0	14	3
Indiana	1	0	16	1
California	1	0	14	2
Edinboro	1	1	10	5
Slippery Rock	1	1	7	10
Clarion	0	2	10	6
Lock Haven	0	2	5	11

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	2	0	12	4
West Chester	1	0	9	6
East Stroudsburg	1	0	7	8
Kutzown	1	1	8	9
Bloomsburg	1	1	5	11
Mansfield	0	2	5	12
Cheyney	0	2	3	12

Saturday
California 73, Clarion 42
Shippensburg 72, Edinboro 65
Slippery Rock 69, Lock Haven 65
Bloomsburg 51, Cheyney 49
West Chester 68, Kutztown 56
Millersville 57, Mansfield 37
East Stroudsburg 70, Univ. of Sciences 58
Today
Edinboro at District of Columbia
Wednesday
California at Shippensburg
Lock Haven at Clarion
Slippery Rock at Indiana
Bloomsburg at East Stroudsburg
West Chester at Cheyney
Millersville at Kutztown
District of Columbia at Mansfield

Bowling

Charleroi Lanes
New Eagle League
Standings

Monongahela Fire Department and Maroadi Transfer & Storage, 26-12; Ponce's Place, 4-13; Hey Andy, 21-16; A.J. Koury Roofing, 20-16; Charleroi Lanes, 19-16; Yocolanp Distributing, 17-19; Hoot Owls, 13-23; Eck's Restaurant & Lounge, 12-23; Bill Hermann's Landscaping, 11-25.

High scores
Terry Foster, 264-648; Bruce Morehouse, 234-593; JoryTrombley, 230-628; David A. Speers, 229-595; Rick Bright, 224-594; Jim Gavaghan, 223-607; Al Lolink, 221-541; Sam Rice Jr., 198-499; Bob Pocky, 196-549; Ryan Gaydos, 195-528.

High school boys' basketball rankings

Pennsylvania high school boys' basketball rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Jan. 20, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last year's final ranking. NR means not ranked. Honorable mention teams listed alphabetically.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Chester	(1)	16-1	1
2. Pennsbury	(1)	18-1	2
3. Reading	(3)	19-0	3
4. McKeesport	(7)	14-1	4
5. Pittsburgh CC	(7)	16-3	5
6. Ridley	(1)	16-3	7
7. Lower Merion	(1)	14-4	6
8. Conestoga	(1)	14-4	8
9. Schenley	(8)	16-2	10
10. Norristown	(1)	20-0	NR

Teams to watch
Allentown Allen (11) 13-5; Bethlehem Liberty (11) 17-2; Cathedral Prep (10) 12-5; Central Dauphin East (3) 17-2; Easton (11) 16-3; McDowell (10) 15-2; North Allegheny (7) 17-2; Penn Wood (1) 14-4.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Commun. Tech	(12)	15-2	1
2. Susquehanna Twp.	(3)	17-1	2
3. General McLane	(10)	16-2	3
4. Chartiers Valley	(7)	17-1	5
5. Greencastle-Antrim	(3)	17-1	6
6. Holy Ghost Prep	(1)	16-2	7
7. Steel-High	(3)	12-3	4
8. West York	(3)	15-4	8
9. Hopewell	(7)	14-4	9
10. Crestwood	(2)	15-2	NR

Teams to watch: Blackhawk (7) 13-5; Franklin (10) 13-4; Franklin Learning Center (12) 11-1; Greensburg-Salem (7) 15-3; Highlands (7) 14-4; Holy Redeemer (2) 12-5; Milton (4) 15-2; Shamokin (4) 16-1.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Prep Charter	(12)	9-4	1
2. Imhotep	(12)	14-2	2
3. Strawberry Mansion	(12)	10-4	3
4. Beaver Falls	(7)	14-3	4
5. Jeannette	(7)	9-3	5
6. Aliquippa	(7)	12-6	6
7. North East	(10)	16-1	7
8. Columbia	(3)	18-1	8
9. Farrell	(10)	14-3	9
10. Hughesville	(4)	16-1	10

Teams to watch
Bishop McCort (6) 12-3; Delone Catholic (3) 17-2; Holy Cross (2) 13-2; Milton Hershey (3) 15-2; Northern Lehigh (11) 16-2; Trinity (3) 11-6; Wyoming Seminary (2) 13-1; York Catholic (3) 15-5.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Serra Catholic	(7)	16-1	1
2. Scotland	(3)	10-3	2
3. Girard College	(1)	12-3	3
4. Coudersport	(9)	17-0	4
5. ND-E. Stroudsburg	(11)	11-6	9
6. Kennedy Catholic	(10)	10-8	10
7. High Point Baptist	(3)	15-1	7
8. DuBois CC	(9)	15-2	5
9. Faith Christian	(1)	15-3	8
10. Elk County Catholic	(9)	15-2	NR

Teams to watch
Bentworth (7) 13-4; Bishop Guilfoyle (6) 12-6; Harmony (6) 15-3; Keystone (9) 14-3; North Penn (4) 16-1; Pius X (11) 11-5; Rocky Grove (9) 15-1; Williamsburg (6) 15-3.

High school girls' basketball rankings

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Abington Heights	(2)	17-0	1
2. Downingtown East	(1)	17-1	2
3. Mt. Lebanon	(7)	18-1	5
4. Conestoga	(1)	15-2	3
5. Methacton	(1)	20-0	4
6. Butler	(7)	19-1	8
7. Wilson	(3)	15-3	7
8. Central Dauphin	(3)	12-6	10
9. Bethlehem Liberty	(11)	14-3	9
10. Spring-Ford	(1)	18-2	NR

Teams to watch
Allentown Allen (11) 14-3, Central Mountain (6) 15-0 Hollidaysburg (6) 13-3, New Castle (7) 13-3, Norwin (7) 17-0, Pocono Mountain East (11) 17-0, State College (6) 14-2.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Mount St. Joseph	(1)	16-1	1
2. Allentown CC	(11)	16-1	2
3. Mercyhurst Prep	(10)	16-1	3
4. Villa Maria Academy	(1)	12-3	4
5. Hampton	(7)	17-2	5
6. Eng. & Science	(12)	12-2	10
7. General McLane	(10)	14-3	7
8. Lewistown	(6)	14-2	8
9. Hopeweli	(7)	14-3	6
10. West Mifflin	(7)	15-3	NR

Teams to watch
Bellefonte (6) 12-4, Blue Mountain (11) 19-2, Elizabeth Forward (7) 16-3, Indiana (7) 18-1, Lampeter-Strasburg (3) 17-2, Selinsgrove (4) 16-0.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Villa Maria	(10)	13-3	1
2. Trinity	(3)	16-2	2
3. York Catholic	(3)	20-1	3
4. Bishop McCort	(6)	15-1	5
5. OLSH	(7)	17-1	6
6. Washington	(7)	18-0	7
7. Girard	(10)	16-1	4
8. Schuylkill Valley	(3)	14-3	8
9. Northern Cambria	(6)	17-1	10
10. Bodine	(12)	12-2	9

Teams to watch: Conemaugh Twp. (5) 17-1, Dunmore (2) 16-1, East Juniata (4) 16-1, Loyalsock (4) 15-0, Penns Valley (6) 12-4, Southern Huntingdon (6) 15-3.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. North Catholic	(7)	15-2	1
2. Monessen	(7)	18-0	2
3. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	15-2	3
4. Marian Catholic	(11)	16-0	4
5. Nativity BVM	(11)	17-2	5
6. Farrell	(10)	14-2	6
7. Reading CC	(3)	15-3	7
8. Eisenhower	(10)	12-4	9
9. Penns Manor	(6)	12-3	10
10. Elk County Catholic	(9)	14-1	NR

Teams to watch: Coudersport (9) 14-2, Ferndale (6) 15-2, Saltsburg (6) 12-6, Vincentian (7) 11-6, Williamsburg (6) 13-3.

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	6	0	17	1
Keystone Oaks	5	1	10	9
Ringgold	3	3	6	14
South Park	2	4	7	11
Trinity	2	4	5	12
McGuffey	0	6	3	14

Tuesday
Ringgold at Chartiers Valley
Keystone Oaks at Trinity
South Park at McGuffey

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	5	1	13	5
Steel Valley	4	2	12	4
West Mifflin	3	3	8	8
Thomas Jefferson	3	3	5	11
Yough	2	4	6	12
Elizabeth Forward	1	5	5	14

Tuesday
Steel Valley at Belle Vernon Area
West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward
Yough at Thomas Jefferson

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	10	0	15	4
Washington	9	1	15	5
Burgettstown	7	3	13	4
Charleroi	5	5	10	9
Brownsville	5	5	9	10
C-Houston	3	7	9	10
Waynesburg	1	9	3	14
Beth-Center	0	10	3	16

Tuesday
Charleroi at Monessen
Burgettstown at Brownsville
C-Houston at Beth-Center
Waynesburg at Washington

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	6	0	11	4
Carmichaels	5	1	13	3
Geibel	3	2	4	10
Mapletown	2	3	8	9
Jeff-Morgan	1	5	5	14
West Greene	0	6	1	13

Tuesday
California at Carmichaels
Mapletown at Geibel

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	9	0	16	1
Bentworth	7	2	13	4
Clairton	5	3	8	8
Sacred Heart	4	5	5	14
Cornell	3	5	9	8
Avella	2	7	7	11
Frazier	0	8	2	15

Tuesday
Clairton at Bentworth
Sacred Heart at Frazier
Cornell at Avella
Quigley at Serra

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	6	0	14	4
Chartiers Valley	5	1	12	6
West Allegheny	3	3	8	10
McGuffey	2	4	7	11
Keystone Oaks	2	4	5	12
Waynesburg	0	6	4	13

Today
Keystone Oaks at Waynesburg
West Allegheny at McGuffey
Tuesday
Ringgold at Chartiers Valley (6 p.m.)

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	6	0	15	3
Elizabeth Forward	5	1	16	3
Thomas Jefferson	4	2	8	10
Steel Valley	2	4	7	9
Belle Vernon Area	1	5	4	13
Yough	0	6	7	12

Today
Steel Valley at Belle Vernon Area
West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward
Yough at Thomas Jefferson
Tuesday
Belle Vernon Area at Mt. Pleasant

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	9	0	18	0
Beth Center	6	3	13	5
Brownsville	5	4	13	7
Charleroi	4	4	8	10
Bentworth	4	4	10	8
C-Houston	1	7	5	15
Burgettstown	1	8	3	16

Today
Charleroi at Burgettstown
Bentworth at Brownsville
Washington at Fort Cherry
Tuesday
Beth-Center at C-Houston
McGuffey at Charleroi
West Greene at Burgettstown

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	6	0	12	5
Carmichaels	5	1	9	9
Mapletown	3	3	10	5
California	3	3	7	10
West Greene	1	5	1	16
Jeff-Morgan	0	6	1	17

Today
California at Carmichaels
Jeff-Morgan at West Greene
Mapletown at Geibel

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	8	0	18	0
Serra	6	2	10	5
Clairton	4	3	7	6
Avella	2	4	8	8
Trinity Christian	2	6	5	12
Frazier	0	7	0	19

Today
Frazier at Clairton
Avella at Trinity Christian
Tuesday
Washington at Monessen (6 p.m.)

High school lineups

GIRLS
Charleroi [illegible]
[illegible]
Jeff-Morgan [illegible]
[illegible]
Monessen [illegible]

In the NBA

Sunday's Games
[illegible]
Today's Games
[illegible]
Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: [illegible]
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NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb. 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix		
Stadium Glendale, AZ.		
New England	11	[illegible]

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
San Antonio	5 1/2	[illegible]
Dallas	-	[illegible]
Boston	2 1/2	[illegible]
ATLANTA	1 1/2	[illegible]
PHILADELPHIA	7	[illegible]
HOUSTON	1/2	[illegible]
NEW ORLEANS	2 1/2	[illegible]
Utah	1	[illegible]
GOLDEN STATE	1/2	[illegible]
MEMPHIS	2 1/2	[illegible]
Detroit	4	[illegible]
Cleveland	4	[illegible]
LA LAKERS	11	[illegible]

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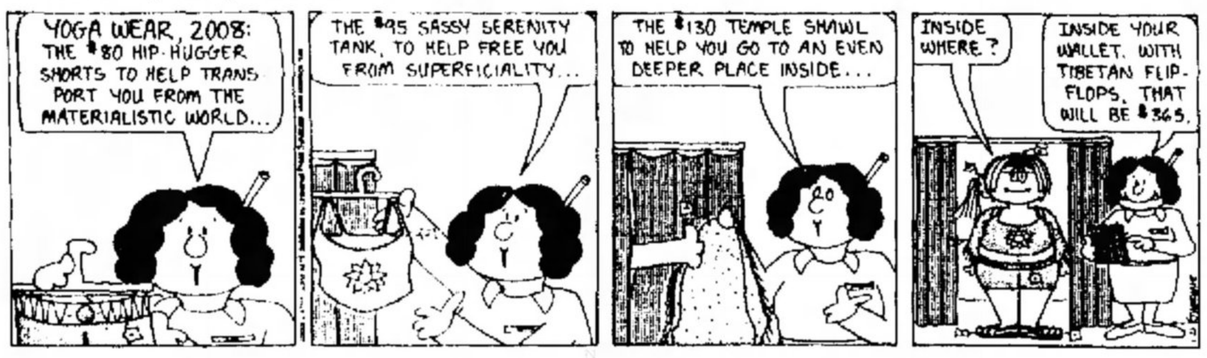
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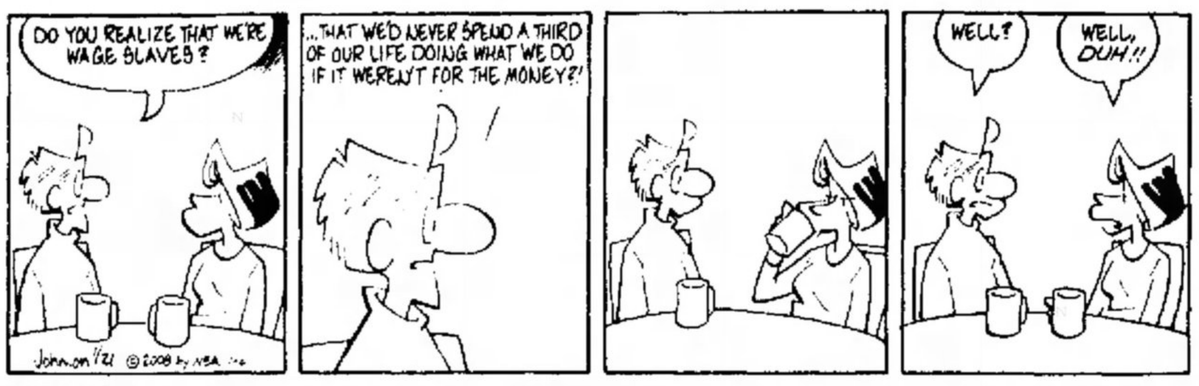
DO YOU REALIZE THAT WE'RE WAGE SLAVES?
...THAT WE'D NEVER SPEND A THIRD OF OUR LIFE DOING WHAT WE DO IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE MONEY?!
WELL?
WELL, DUH!!

Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

YOU SHOULD WRITE A NOVEL BASED ON MY LIFE..
THE MATERIAL IS THERE.. ALL YOU'D NEED IS A GOOD TITLE..
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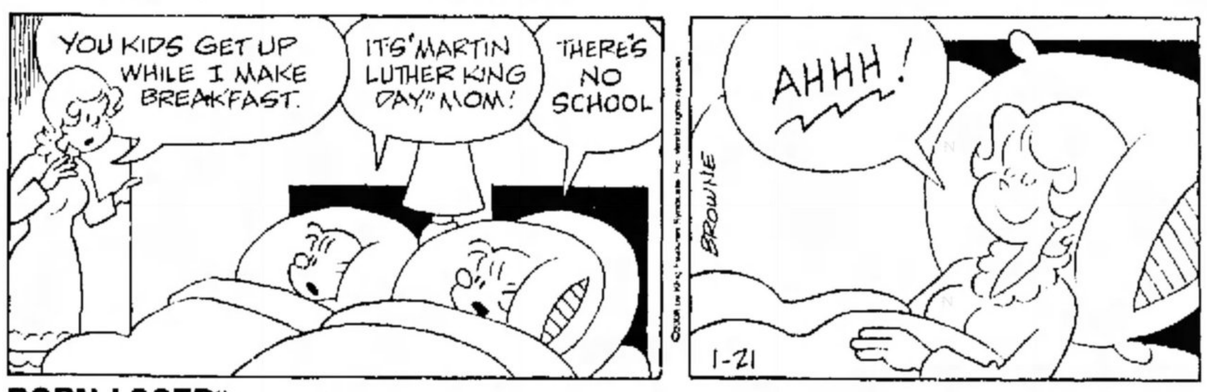
E-Mail: JimMeddick@aol.com

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

WHY THE DARK GLASSES? DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NEW GIRLFRIEND?
NO MAYBE. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
SHE DIDN'T HIT YOU, DID SHE? IF SHE DID, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP IMMEDIATELY.
NO NO SHE DIDN'T HIT ME. SHE JUST... WELL, I THINK THERE'S ...THERE'S SOMETHING ...UNHEALTHY ABOUT HER ...US TOGETHER I.
WHAT... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
SHE GAVE ME A HICKEY ON MY EYELID. DON'T ASK ME HOW. SHE...SHE DOES STUFF THAT'S REALLY, REALLY WEIRD. AND IT WORRIES ME.



BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

WHEN I WENT TO SLEEP LAST NIGHT, I TOLD MYSELF THAT WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF MY LIFE!
SO, WHAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING?
SIGH... I OVERSLEPT!

GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

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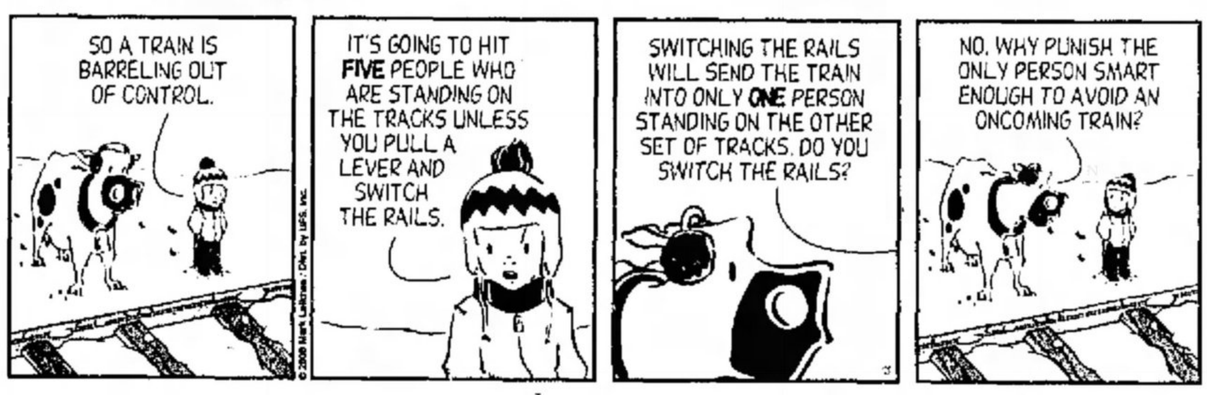
SO A TRAIN IS BARRELING OUT OF CONTROL.
IT'S GOING TO HIT FIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE STANDING ON THE TRACKS UNLESS YOU PULL A LEVER AND SWITCH THE RAILS.
SWITCHING THE RAILS WILL SEND THE TRAIN INTO ONLY ONE PERSON STANDING ON THE OTHER SET OF TRACKS. DO YOU SWITCH THE RAILS?
NO. WHY PUNISH THE ONLY PERSON SMART ENOUGH TO AVOID AN ONCOMING TRAIN?

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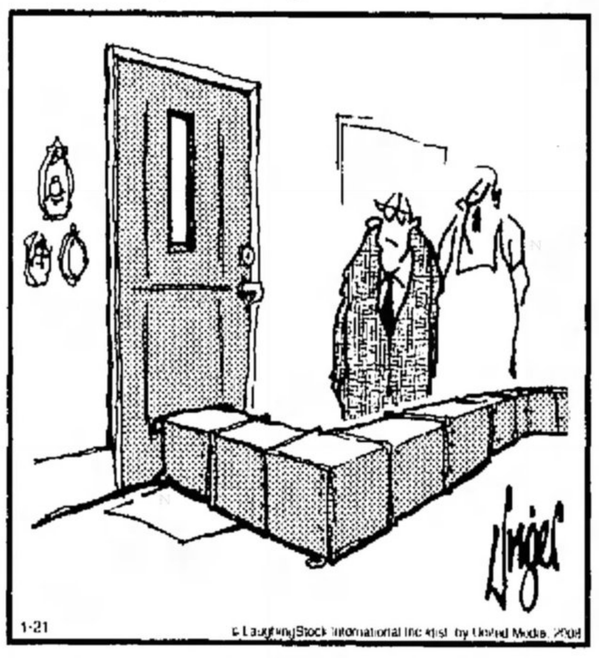

"We don't allow the dog into the living room."

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

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SHE WENT TO GET HER CAR FIXED. APPARENTLY SHE DOESN'T WANT ANY MORE OF THEM.
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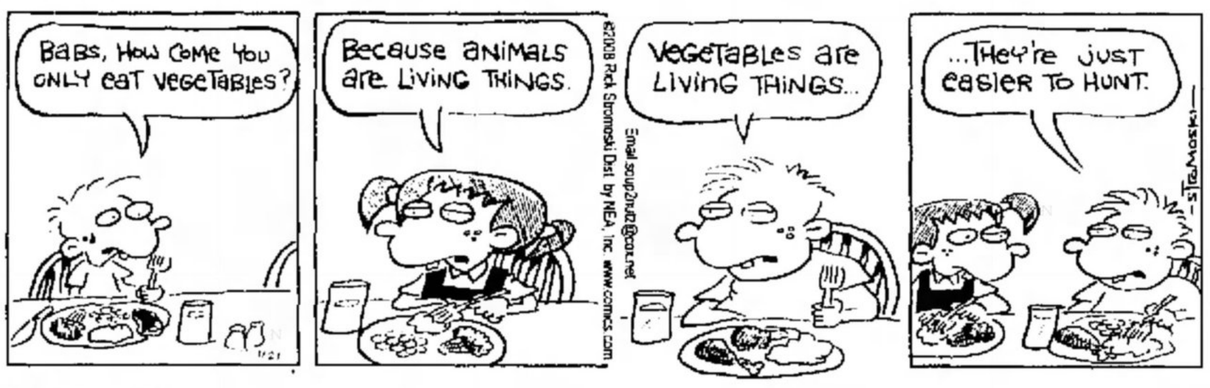
SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski


BABS, HOW COME YOU ONLY EAT VEGETABLES?
BECAUSE ANIMALS ARE LIVING THINGS.
VEGETABLES ARE LIVING THINGS...
...THEY'RE JUST EASIER TO HUNT.

BIG NATE® by Lincoln Peirce

WHAT'S THAT, MR. ROSA?
AN ART MAGAZINE.
I'M READING AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ABOUT SOME OF TODAY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ARTISTS.
COOL!
ARE YOU IN THERE?
IN CASE ANYONE ASKS YOU, MR. ROSA IS NOT ONE OF TODAY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ARTISTS.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

ARLIE OOP PLOTS HIS REVENGE ON OOOLA...
WHAT'LL MAKE TH' BIGGEST IMPRESSION ON OOOLA?
SHE'S GOTTA LEARN THAT SHE CAN NEVER TREAT ME WITH SUCH DISRESPECT AGAIN!
WHATEVER I DO, I CAN'T LET IT LEAVE A SCAR, 'CAUSE EVENTUALLY SHE'S GONNA FALL FER ME, AN' I WANNA MAKE SURE SHE'S STILL PURTY T'LOOK AT!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

THAT'S THE SAME PLANE THAT WAS CIRCLING OVERHEAD A FEW MINUTES AGO...
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON!
I'M AFRAID YOU WILL NEVER REACH THE POLICE, MR. TRAIL!

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Hunt for
5 Half a bikini
8 Delt neighbor
11 Razor feature
12 Entree choice
14 Simian
15 Make war
16 Not home
17 Capitalize on
18 Talking bird
20 Conversation starters
22 Goddess of dawn
23 Joist
24 Round gem
27 Toronto team, familiarly
29 Fam. member
30 Handled with skill
34 Natural
37 Marathoner — Pippig
38 Aquarium
39 John Lennon hit
41 Out of control
43 Vive le —!
44 Stinker
46 Young raptor
49 40-cup brewer
50 Bias
52 Applaud
54 LI doubled
55 River source
56 Lectern
57 Large parrot
58 Tumble the wash
59 Wine's bouquet

DOWN

1 Embroider
2 Party cheese
3 Like some waffles
4 More astute
5 Malaise
6 Not cooked
7 Memsahib's nanny
8 Abdul or Zahn
9 — Downs (race-track)
10 Average grades
13 "So long" (hyph.)
19 E-mail provider
21 Smaller amount
24 Air-pump meas.
25 Drei minus zwei
26 Cigar residue
27 Quick turn
28 Colony member
30 Marsh
31 Total
32 LAX info
33 Marino or Aykroyd
35 007's alma mater
36 Dashing
39 Really impress
40 Garage squirter
41 Condor's abode
42 Passion
43 Like a frontier town
44 Slime
45 Barely scraped by
47 Dagwood's neighbor boy
48 Dinner checks
51 Canal site
53 "The Bells" author

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	A	M			T	O	M		K	O	O	K
E	L	Y		B	E	A	U		A	M	B	O
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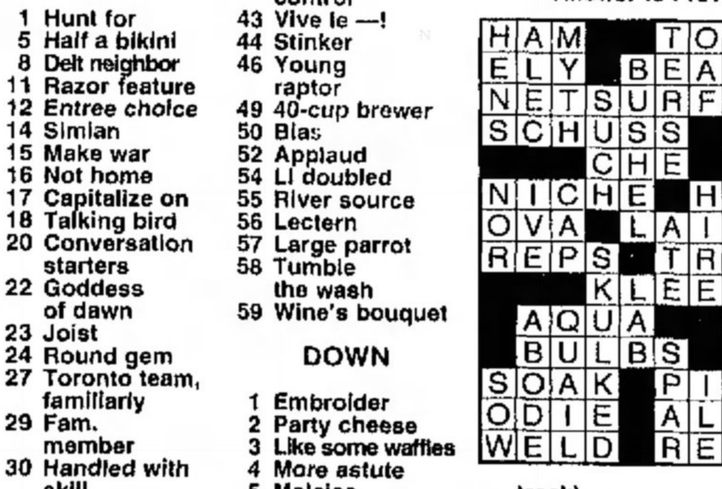

Opening presents can bring chaos at birthday parties

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Bailey," will be 4 soon, and will be having a birthday party.

We have been to a few of Bailey's friends' birthday parties, and present-opening turns into chaos.

The birthday child doesn't have a chance to really look at the gifts, other children crowd closer and closer to the present-opener to get a better look, and some children cry about the gifts the birthday child has received while their parents promise to buy them a "better one" on their next outing.

I make sure my daughter is well-behaved when it comes to present-opening, but not all parents seem to feel the need to curb this behavior on the part of their children.

Would it be acceptable to wait to open Bailey's presents until after the guests have left? — **WANTS TO BE A COURTEOUS HOSTESS**

DEAR WANTS TO BE COURTEOUS: Children learn what is acceptable behavior and what is not because their parents take the time to explain to them what is expected, and correct them when they make a mistake.

The parents you have described were either too ignorant or too lazy to do their job.

Although some "birthday mommies" provide gift bags or party favors for all the children to unwrap, most people consider the present-opening ritual to be part of the fun of the birthday celebration and expect it.

A better solution would be to hold smaller birthday parties for your daughter so things don't get out of hand.

According to the chapter "Table and Party Manners" in "Emily Post's Etiquette": "One guest should be invited for each year of a child's age, plus one."

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law, "Daisy," is a reckless driver who lives in a large metropolitan area surrounded by expressways.

She tailgates, weaves in and out of traffic and passes cars at high speeds, often using her cell phone while driving.

Daisy has had several tickets.

Despite this and pleas from my son and others to slow down, nothing has changed.

I find this odd, because Daisy is otherwise a responsible person — an executive with a large company, an excellent mother and a loving wife.

However, she appears to have a blind spot about the risks she takes when she's behind the wheel.

She justifies her speed as necessary in order to keep up with the demands of her schedule.

She would be grief-stricken if she had an accident that involved anyone, especially her infant daughter who is often in the car.

Will the only wake-up call come in the form of a serious accident? — **DISTRESSED PAPA IN MAINE**

DEAR DISTRESSED PAPA: Probably — that or a near miss.

However, I view your daughter-in-law in a different light than you appear to.

A mother who drives aggressively with a child in the car and talking on her cell phone does not strike me as a candidate for "Mother of the Year" honors.

Studies have shown that drivers on cell phones are as impaired as those who have been drinking.

She's being childish, selfish, foolish and irresponsible and should be ashamed of herself.

DEAR READERS: Today we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was martyred in the cause of civil rights in 1968.

His words ring as true today as when he first uttered them: "Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough, and morality enough, to cut off the chain of hate."

He was a voice of reason in a time of insanity, silenced too soon.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

MONDAY EVENING — JAN. 21, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "Little Boys" Robin bonds with a boy.	The Big Bang Theory "The Grasshopper Experiment" Koothrappali's blind date.	Two and a Half Men "Kinda Like Necrophilia" Alan seeks revenge.	Rules of Engagement "Guy Code" Jeff teaches Audrey.	CSI: Miami "Cyber-lebrity" information leaked about Horatio puts his life in danger.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Sarah Michelle Gellar; Ringo Starr. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Sylvester Stallone; Steve Wiebe; Ayo. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond Marie nags Amy.	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Jackie lies that Fez is a prince.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (N)			Notes From the Underbelly Weight gain. (N)	October Road Nick learns that Aubrey is meeting secretly with her estranged father. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	American Gladiators A lawyer takes on a mortgage broker; a firefighter battles it out with a rock climber. (N)		Deal or No Deal Contestants get a chance to win money. (N)		Medium "To Have and To Hold" Joe's chances of landing a new job hinge on Allison's psychic abilities. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Phil Laak; David Williams; Annie Duke; Andy Bloch; John Juanda; Clonie Gowen.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Jerry's accountant has the sniffles.	Prison Break "Dirt Nap" A coup in Sona brings Michael's escape plan crashing down. (N)		Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles "The Turk" Sarah searches for Skynet's creators. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10		(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier / (53) Scrubs "My First Kill"		(8) Robocop: Future of Law/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Antiques Roadshow "Baltimore, Maryland" (N)		American Experience "The Lobotomist" (N)		Colorblind		Charlie Rose (N)			On Q	Black Horizons	Nature "Dogs That Changed the World: Dogs by Design"		Masterpiece "Northanger Abbey" (N)	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody Hates Chris	Aliens in America	Girlfriends "Snap Back"	The Game "Media Blitz"	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim		That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Celebrity Exposé		Meet My Folks		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								
(58) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Movie				Reno 911!	Blind Date		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	CSI: Miami "One of Our Own"		CSI: Miami "Vengeance"		Intervention "Ashley"		Intervention "Ben and Josh"		Paranormal	Paranormal	Psychic Children: Sixth Sense			Intervention "Ashley"		Intervention "Ben and Josh"		Paranormal	Paranormal
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Kyle XY (N)		Wildfire (Season Premiere) (N)		Wildfire		The 700 Club			Kyle XY		Precious in His Sight		Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ Gothika (2003)				★½ Catwoman (2004)				Breaking Bad "Pilot"		★★½ Dante's Peak (1997)						Breaking Bad "Pilot"		GuardTess
ANPL	Animal Cops Houston		Animal Cops Houston		Orangutan Island		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Orangutan Island			Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Profiles of Nature	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear			Top Gear		Coupling	World	The Weakest Link	
BET	Keyshia Cole	Keyshia Cole: The Way It Is		★★★ Boycott (2001)					What's in It	What's in It	Hell Date	Hell Date		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BETJ Special	BETJ Special
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Real Housewives		Real Housewives			Real Housewives		Inside the Actors Studio		National-European	
CMT	★ Stroker Ace (1983)		Crossroads Bon Jovi.		Southern Rock		Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Greatest Redneck Moments		Home Videos	Home Videos		Home Videos	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Suze Orman: Your Money		Ultimate Fighting		1 vs. 100		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Ultimate Fighting			1 vs. 100		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Presidential Debate Myrtle Beach, S.C.				Anderson Cooper 360					Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★'. Good Advice (2001)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert		Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Presents	Presents
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book (N)		Tornado Hunters			Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book	
CSPAN	Today in Washington				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today							Today in Washington	
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs Salt mining.		Dirty Jobs Cave biologist.		Dirty Jobs "Big Animal Vet"		Bone Detectives (N)		MythBusters			Dirty Jobs Cave biologist.		Dirty Jobs "Big Animal Vet"		Bone Detectives	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★★½ Spy Kids 3: Game Over (2003)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana		Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	25 Most Memorable Swimsuit Moments Bathing suits.				E! News	Chelsea		The Daily 10	The Soup	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Syracuse at Georgetown.				College Basketball Texas at Oklahoma State.				SportsCenter			College Basketball San Francisco at Gonzaga.				SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing	3rd and a Mile		American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour			Boxing	Boxing	Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	Tennis: Australian Open		Women's College Basketball North Carolina at Connecticut.				Tennis Australian Open — Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. From Melbourne, Australia.									2007 World Series of Poker		PBA Bowling: Weber Open	
EWTN	One-Hearts	Stand	Vigil Mass for Life					Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over			Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Best of Mother Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor			Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live (N)		Good Eats	Secret Life of	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		Panthers	Toughest Cowboy		Best Damn Top 50 Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special			Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ Batman Begins (2005)				★★★ Ice Age (2002)					★★ First Daughter (2004)					'70s Show	'70s Show	Married...	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Play Lessons	Golf Hawaii	British Open Highlights 2000		Top 10	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Bob Hope Chrysler Classic — Final Round.				Learning	Golf Central		Golf Hawaii	PGA Championship Highlights		Learning	Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker			Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		★★½ Matlock: The Vacation (1992)				Murder, She Wrote			Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	HGTV Dream Home 2008		House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me	House	My First Place		Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me
HIST	MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest "Bigfoot"		Decoding the Past		Life After People (N)				UFO Files "Deep Sea UFOs"			Decoding the Past		Life After People			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★★ The Fantasia Barrino Story: Life Is Not a Fairy Tale				Will & Grace	Will & Grace		Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Raw "Convict Code"		Lockup: Holman			Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Convict Code"		Lockup: Holman	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		True Life Big and beautiful.		Battle of the Sexes Band			Best of Challenges		The Real World		Life of Ryan	Rob & Big
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	The Naked Brothers Band (N)		Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling			The Tyra Banks Show		Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs											PA Public Affairs				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone		News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Tru Calling "Star Crossed"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters International		Tactics	Tactics		Noein	Noein	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "The Rain King"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Best of 2007 Ultimate Fighting Championship highlights from the past year.							TNA Wrestling: Global Impact		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and-City	Sex and-City		★½ Beverly Hills Ninja (1997)				★★ Spy Hard (1996)	
TCM	★★★½ A Raisin in the Sun (1961)				★★★ Killer of Sheep (1977) Premiere.			The Horse	★★½ My Brother's Wedding (1983)			When It Rains		Several	★★★ Killer of Sheep (1977)			The Horse	My Brother
TLC	Mi's America Reality Check		Miss America Reality Check		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Miss America Reality Check		Little People	Little People		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Miss America Reality Check		Miss America Reality Check	
TNT	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Memphis Grizzlies.				NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Miami Heat.					NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers.						Inside the NBA		The X-Files "Born Again"	
TOON	Codename	Codename	Codename: Kids Next Door		Foster	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Boondocks		Boondocks	Death Note	Bleach	Fooly Cooly	Family Guy	Boondocks
TRAVEL	Beach Goers Exposed		Cruising Do's and Don'ts		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain		Cruising Do's and Don'ts			Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain	
TVLAND	Gunsmoke "The River"		Gunsmoke "Hostage"		★★★ In the Line of Fire (1993) A veteran Secret Service agent battles a vicious assassin.						M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw				Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		★½ Sgt. Bilko (1996)	
VH1	Best Week	My Fair Brady	Scott Baio 46	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels	★★★ 8 Mile (2002) A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper.						Rock of Love-Bret Michaels			Scott Baio 46	My Fair Brady	Celebrity Rehab		Best Week	Britney
VS.	★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)			NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins.					Hockey	★★½ The Karate Kid (1984)						★★½ Karate Kid II (1986)			
WE	Weddings	Weddings	Weddings	Weddings	★★★ Bounce (2000)				Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride			Rich Bride, Poor Bride		★★★ Bounce (2000)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Vi		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs		Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	The Covenant	★★½ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991)			★★★★ Platoon (1986)				★★ The Man In the Iron Mask (1998)						★★½ Army of Darkness		★½ The Covenant (2006)		
HBO	Bird on a Wire	★★★ Over the Hedge (2006)			Real Time With Bill Maher		★★★½ Dreamgirls (2006)				Comedy Jam	★★½ We Are Marshall (2006)						★★★ American Psycho	
MAX	★★★½ The Shawshank Redemption (1994)			★★★ Inside Man (2006) A cop matches wits with a bank robber.					★★½ The Fountain (2006)			Bedtime	★½ Lake Placid (1999)			★ Epic Movie (2007)			
SHOW	★★★½ Sophie's Choice (1982)				★★★ Benny & Joon (1993)				The L Word		★★½ Jackass: Number Two (2006)				★★★ The Big Lebowski (1998)			★★ Clerks II	
STARZ	★½ Mission to Mars (2000)			★½ Gray Matters (2006)			★★★ Déjà Vu (2006)				★½ Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (1999)				★★★ Tombstone (1993)				
TMC	Awesome	★★★½ Unzipped (1995)			★★½ Madea's Family Reunion (2006)				★★★½ Pulp Fiction (1994)						★★ Failure to Launch (2006)			Mother's Boys	

FEATURES

WEDDINGS

Cooper-Kibler

Abigail Cooper and Ryan Kibler were united in marriage on Sept. 8, 2007, during a 1 p.m. ceremony officiated by the Rev. William Kiel in St. Thomas More Parish, Indiana, Pa.

The bride is the daughter of Adele and Paul Christopher, of Blairsville, and Jack and Gina Cooper, of Pittsburgh.

The groom is the son of Lorraine Kibler, of Belle Vernon, and the late Larry Kibler. He is the grandson of Josephine Bacha, of Belle Vernon.

Maids of honor were Lindsey Meola, of Indiana, and Tara Shaffer, of Atlanta, Ga. Bridesmaids were Laney Barna, of New York, Jayde Bizzak, of Indiana, Leanne Lutton, of State College, and Allison Machusko, sister of the groom, and Julie Santoro, cousin of the groom, both of Belle Vernon.

Flower girl was Lily Machusko, of Belle Vernon, niece of the groom; and Tony Lorenzo, of Belle Vernon.

Serving as best men were Joey Lopez, of Belle Vernon, and Beaux DeLattre, of Canonsburg. Groomsmen were J.J. Bacha, of Detroit, Mich., cousin of the groom; Philip and Michael Christopher, brothers of the bride; Brad Junch, of Maryland, and Eddie Ludwig, of Belle Vernon.

A reception was held at Novosel Civic Center in Indiana.

The bride is a graduate of Blairsville High School and received her bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is employed by Westmoreland Casemanagement in Greensburg.

Abigail and Ryan Kibler

The groom is a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and received his bachelor of arts degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is employed as a loss prevention manager in Mt. Pleasant.

Following a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple is residing in Blairsville.

ENGAGEMENTS

Anders-Solomon

The engagement of Lindsey M. Anders and Todd M. Solomon, of Charleroi, has been announced.

Anders, daughter of John and Kimberly Anders, is a graduate of California Area High School and Pittsburgh Technical Institute. She is employed in the Human Services Department at Brownsville Marine Products.

Solomon is the son of Cynthia Solomon and Norman and Maria Solomon. He is a graduate of Charleroi Area High School and West Virginia University. He is employed by Solomon Chrysler Jeep Dodge as dealer principal.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Beverly and Kenneth Baringer and Barbara Raymond, and her fiancé is the grandson of Symaria Dagar and Norma Solomon.

Todd M. Solomon & Lindsey M. Anders

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■Breastfeeding Support Group meeting, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 6:30 p.m.

■Managing your Diabetes, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■Authority of the Borough of Charleroi board meeting, authority office, 4 p.m.

■Belle Vernon Area Band Parents and Boosters meeting, high school music room, 7 p.m.

■Valley Seniors Club meeting, Riverside Place, Charleroi, 1 p.m.

■Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Dance planned in Rostraver

Cerini Harley-Davidson Buell, Rostraver Township, will sponsor "Dance the Night Away with Us" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Rostraver Grange. The bring-your-own bottle event will feature a DJ, buffet, beer-soda.

CareerLink programs set

Pennsylvania CareerLink, 570 Galiffa Drive, Donora, will offer the following free programs in February: Resume One-on-One, Computer Basics, CareerLink Orientation, Job Search for Veterans and Career Gateway. For information, call (724) 379-4750. Computers are available for Internet job searches. CareerLink is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

AARP Chapter 1348 sets meeting

Charleroi AARP Chapter 1348 will meet 1 p.m. Friday at Riverside Place.

VALLEY ON VACATION

Some area residents took *The Valley Independent* along on their trip to New Orleans. Pictured from left on New Year's Eve are Marc Bellora, of Monessen; Brendon Flowers, Henderson, Nev.; Chris Paglia, Monessen; Luke Paglia, Highland Park; Dr. Kirstyn Kameg, Bethel Park; and Angie Carmelo, Los Angeles.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: E equals C

"ABHRW HL RBFHZM RWO AHILR LROJ OUOZ YWOZ DTS XTZ'R LOO RWO YWTCO LRBHIEBLO." - VBIRHZ CSRWOI FHZM, KI.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "I think animal testing is cruel. They get nervous and get all the answers wrong." - Stephen Fry

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MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

The following couples have applied for marriage licenses through the Westmoreland County Register of Wills:

■ Thomas Peter Berch, of West Newton, and Sandra Leigh Halvorsen, of Greensburg.

■ Michael Allen Dyer and Bonnie Lenor Rutkowski, both of Monongahela.

■ Jason Donald Stewart, of Monongahela, and Melissa Ann Bagiatis, of Belle Vernon.

■ John Charles Stimak and Florencia Cook Agustin, both of Belle Vernon.

■ Ronald David Harrison II, of Monessen, and Tiffany Allison Smith, of Charleroi.

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- Steady Part-time, approx. 30 hrs./wk.
- Early morning hours
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- Work Independently
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724-850-2826
TRIB TOTAL MEDIA

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE established local company has full-time accounts payable opening. General office & bookkeeping skills required. Excellent benefits. Send cover letter & resume to Box 890, c/o Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062.

COACHES
The California Area School District is accepting applications for Varsity Soccer Coach and Girls' Middle School Volleyball Coach. Applicants are required to provide Acts 34, 114 and 151 clearances (within one year). Further information may be obtained by calling (724) 938-2511 Ext. 1. Deadline February 11, 2008.

CULLIGAN WATER
Is looking for a full-time Delivery/Service Person for the Mon Valley & Fayette County area. Must be dependable, trustworthy, in good physical condition, and a "people" person. Plumbing or electrical experience a plus. Must have a valid PA driver's license. CDL is not required. Call us at 1-888-396-4230.

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COOK- experienced. lunch- 4 hrs./day. Call or stop by for application, Teddy's Tavern, 1305 Axton St., Belle Vernon. 724-929-5971

CHURCH ORGANIST/ Choir Director Part-time for First United Methodist Church in West Newton. To apply contact 724-872-7900 or email david.meanst@verizon.net

DOWN ROUTE DRIVER
Part-time position, approximately 25 hrs./ week. Assist district managers with the delivery of newspapers to subscribers on routes that temporarily have no carrier. Must possess valid PA driver's license and reliable vehicle. Hourly rate plus mileage. Applications available at The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062 or email your resume to lhutchison@tribweb.com

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MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
Accepting applications for applicants with mechanical backgrounds, knowledge of hydraulics, pneumatics and pump repair. Convenient Mon Valley location. Steady daylight shift, open to overtime when needed. Experienced auto mechanics welcome to apply.
1-800-485-6502
M-F 9am-4pm
EOE/MF

MH/MR Support Staff
Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141.

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MODEL SEARCH
Have The Look?
Men, women, children, teens, infants, 6 mos. and up for TV, advertising, fashion, credit. Placed models on Rescue 911, People Magazine, many others. Apply in person
SUN., JAN. 27, 2008
at 6:30 pm Sharp
Holiday Inn
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Belle Vernon
If under age 18, must be with parent.
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PART-TIME BUSER
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HOLIDAY INN
BELLE VERNON
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OFFICE MANAGER for local excavating company. Full-time w/ benefits. Fax resumes to: 724-379-8235

REAL ESTATE SALES
Licensed or unlicensed, 45 year old company expanding. BE PART OF THE EXCITEMENT! Free in-office training.
Call Cindy Taylor
Century 21
FRONTIER REALTY
724-483-3004

SUPERINTENDENT
California Area School District (Washington Co.) Appointment on/ about July 1, 2008. Enrollment approximately 1010; grades K-12. Requirements: PA letter of eligibility; strong leader with ability to interact effectively with all staff members and demonstrate a sincere interest in the educational growth and achievement of all students; have demonstrated professional ethics; have exp. in fiscal responsibility, cost-effectiveness techniques and budgeting, a high level of technological literacy and demonstrate skills in long range planning. Salary negotiable and will be commensurate with exp. Send letter of interest, detailed resume, PA letter of Eligibility, PA application, transcripts, five reference letters and Acts 34, 114 and 151 clearances (within one year) to: California Area School District, Superintendent's Search, P.O. Box 697, California, PA 15419. Deadline: March 20, 2008

1025/DRIVERS

CLASS A CDL Truck Driver & Mechanic. Local general contractor seeking Class A CDL Truck Driver with mechanic experience. Must have minimum 10 years experience hauling heavy construction equipment & mechanic work. Excellent salary & benefits. EEO Employer. Reply to: Lone Pine Construction, Inc., 83 Lusk Rd., Bentleyville, PA 15314.

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LIFT VAN DRIVERS & Taxi Drivers. Must have clean drivers license. Apply at Tri County Access, 1001 Meldon Ave., Donora

Van & Bus Drivers
Matthews Bus Company seeks individuals who are people-oriented & committed to safety for Van & School Bus Driving positions. Pre-Employment drug testing & fingerprinting required. Training provided for those seeking CDL/School Bus License. For application or more information please call 412-384-8810. Matthews Bus Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital

Manager Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory care practitioner with experience in both clinical & administrative functions. Will manage cardiopulmonary department, oversee operation of newly opened Sleep Lab, and provide respiratory therapy services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Assistant Director Rehab
Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Diabetes Program Support
RN or RD with experience in Diabetes Education.

Mental Health-RN
For inpatient care setting. Related experience or a sincere interest in developing mental health nursing skills required.

Nurse Practitioner
CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented.

RNs - ICU, ER
Requires critical care training, related experience preferred.

Respiratory Care Practitioner
Registered or certified respiratory care practitioner.

Aerobics Instructor
Certified aerobics instructor. Will teach 4th through 12th grade students during school hours; hours and schedule will vary.

Full-time and part-time positions include full benefit package. Casual and "Weekender" positions also available. Free on-site parking. On-site fitness center! Easy location just off Rt. 119S between Greensburg & Uniontown. Send resume or call for application.

Human Resources Dept.
Highlands Hospital
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724-626-2314 EOE

Registered Nurses
We have immediate full-time, part-time and casual positions open to cover visits in Washington County and surrounding areas. Must be licensed in PA. Home Health experience preferred, one year experience as a staff nurse in an acute care setting. Please send resume referencing the job title. We offer a competitive wage, generous benefit package including 401K and profit sharing. Sign on bonus for full-time RNs.

Home Visit Mental Health Nurse
RN licensed in PA. One year experience in an acute care setting. Home care experience preferred. Two years Psychiatric experience required. We have a full-time, part-time or casual position available to cover visits in the Monongahela and surrounding areas.

MEDI HOME HOSPICE
Fax: 412-824-0849
PAJobs@msa-corp.com
1-888-245-6331
EOE

1040/MEDICAL

RN
Intake Coordinator
Part-time position in Uniontown Office of Albert Gallatin Home Care & Hospice. RN will collect and process referral information, screening referrals for home care and/or hospice services. Candidate must be RN with min. 3 yrs. exp. previous home care exp. and/or case management exp. preferred. Must be able to work flexible hours including some weekends & holidays. For consideration, forward resume to our HR Dept. (F) 724-438-3858, E-mail: dgrole@ilchhc.com
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1050/SALES

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CARRIER WANTED
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- 200's- 300's Otto St
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-Mon.-Sat.
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Send resume to:
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MONONGAHELA, PA 15063
OR VISIT US AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS
EOE

1110/BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

CARRIER WANTED
Belle Vernon (Lynnwood)
- 300's Center
- 200's- 300's Delmont
- 200's Marston
-34 Papers
-Mon.-Sat.
Call 724-684-2468

SPEERS ROUTE OPEN
24 Papers
Davidson Dr.
No Collecting
Call 724-684-2647

2020/BID NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Monessen will receive bids for the 2007 Demolition and Site Clearance, Phase I Project, until 9:00 A.M. (prevailing local time) on the 30th day of January, 2008, at the City of Monessen, Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, Pennsylvania 15062. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 9:00 A.M. (prevailing local time) on the 30th day of January, 2008, at the City of Monessen, Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA.

The project consists of demolishing thirteen (13) primary structures and associated garages, backfilling and foundation, clearing all trees and brush, and grading the sites to match adjacent contours.

Copies of the Bidding Forms, Specifications and other Contract Documents will be on file and open to public inspection at the offices of the City of Monessen.

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the offices of the City of Monessen by depositing $30.00 payable to W.E.C. Engineers, Inc. Deposits for contract documents are not refundable.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Monessen negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total of bid for construction, shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, age, religion, sex or national origin, and that the Resident Employment and Training Requirements be observed.

The Contractor must comply with the Minority Enterprise Plan for the City of Monessen.

The City of Monessen reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Monessen for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

CITY OF MONESSEN
By: Rosalie Nicksich
City Clerk
1/11,14,21

1040/MEDICAL

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2020/BID NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEALED PROPOSALS are being accepted by Washington County for the provision of a "Custom Engineered Solution for the Replacement of the County's Aging Microwave and Land Line Infrastructure" for Public Safety, Washington, PA 15301. Proposals will be received at the Office of the Washington County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 4:00 P.M. Prevailing Time, on Monday, January 28, 2008.

All proposals must be submitted as ONE ORIGINAL + FIVE COPIES according to the specifications. Specifications may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address, or obtain the information on our website at www.washingtonpa.us. Vendors may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-4555.

PROPOSAL ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED

MICROWAVE LINK SYSTEM
CONTRACT #012808-RFP-MICROWAVE

The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

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1/17,21

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

The 2008 meeting dates of the Municipal Authority of Washington Township will remain the same as in the past. The Joint Water-Sewage Authority Board will meet the last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Building, 1392 Fayette Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The Executive Session will be held prior to the meeting.

BY ORDER OF
THE BOARD
Dolores Fisher,
Chairperson
1/21

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Special Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Ringgold High School Cafeteria, 1 Ram Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on renovations at the Ringgold High School.

Betty J. Dornan
Secretary of the Board
1/21

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

2008 WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency announces its 2008 grant program arising from receipts of the County Hotel Tax. Washington County non-profits seeking funds for tourism promotion and/or tourism development may request guidelines by calling 724-228-5520, faxing 724-228-5514, or emailing info@washpa.com.

Applicants' Letters of Interest (based upon WCTPA guidelines) must be received at the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency by 4pm, Friday, February 8, 2008.
1/18,19,21

LEGAL NOTICE

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is interested in identifying the availability of potential vendors capable of providing legal assistance services to persons 60 years of age and older and their spouses who reside in Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties. The term of the service shall be July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The successful vendor will be expected to provide a minimum of 8,000 hours of legal assistance and deliver the service from at least one accessible location in each county. Interested applicants must write for proposal material. Letters should be addressed to Leslie Grenfell, Executive Director, Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc., 305 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022-1607 and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2008.
1/18,19,21,22,23

4000/ADOPTION

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Dodge
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Charleroi, PA
724-483-5541

Davies
Ford of Connellsville
Route 119 N.
Connellsville, PA
724-628-2720

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Country Club Road
Monongahela, PA
724-258-5124

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Monessen, PA
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7248A	2004 DODGE DURANGO 4X4	$11,940
7407A	2004 RAM QUAD CAB 4X4 Extras	$13,760
B049A	2004 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	$9,966
7418A	2004 DODGE STRATUS COUPE	$7,450
7419A	2004 DODGE RAM SLT 4X4 Toys	$13,550
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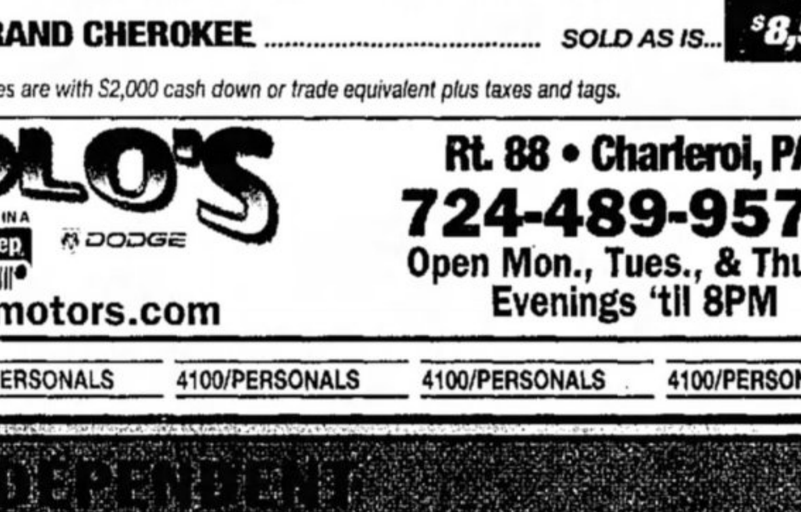

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January 20 through February 18

Be selective about whom you choose to associate in the year ahead to make sure that they are friends or associates who will help advance your personal objectives, not detract from your cause. Having productive friends makes you productive as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Without realizing it, you can be more domineering than necessary when dealing with people. This will lead to some serious complications, should you encounter someone more forceful than you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Even if it causes an unanticipated degree of inconvenience, don't let down those who are depending upon you. Live up to your commitments like the responsible person you represent yourself to be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't try to strong-arm a friend to agree with you if your pal clearly is not in accord with your thinking. If things don't go the way you predict, your buddy will regret the coercing and hold you accountable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It will be difficult for you to get past your hidden fears or self-doubts and not be able to achieve a goal of some importance. If this turns out to be the case, you will regret being so timid and apprehensive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If experience has shown that certain topics or discussions agitate a close friend, don't persist on ramming these things down your pal's throat. If you insist upon doing so, look for a heated exchange to take place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Someone who knows how to play upon your generosity might be up to his or her old tricks again. Be on guard so that you don't succumb or surrender something you are far from ready to cough up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Someone with a faculty for getting under your skin will be closely associated with you once again, much to your chagrin. However, you can win if you are prepared to let his or her aggravating ways go in one ear and out the other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A time of reckoning is here for any neglected duties. That which you have left unattended will vie for attention in ways you won't be able to ignore, whether it is a convenient time or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Even if the position you are taking is unpopular, don't be pressured by peers into doing something that goes against your better judgment. You will not only be angry with them but with yourself as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- When some unpleasant news is dropped on your doorstep, keep a cool head and encourage other family members to do the same. It is important to maintain harmony within the household.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Your temper is apt to have a short fuse at this time, so take care not to blow up over something that until now you have handled with a great deal of tolerance. It will hurt if the wound is reopened.

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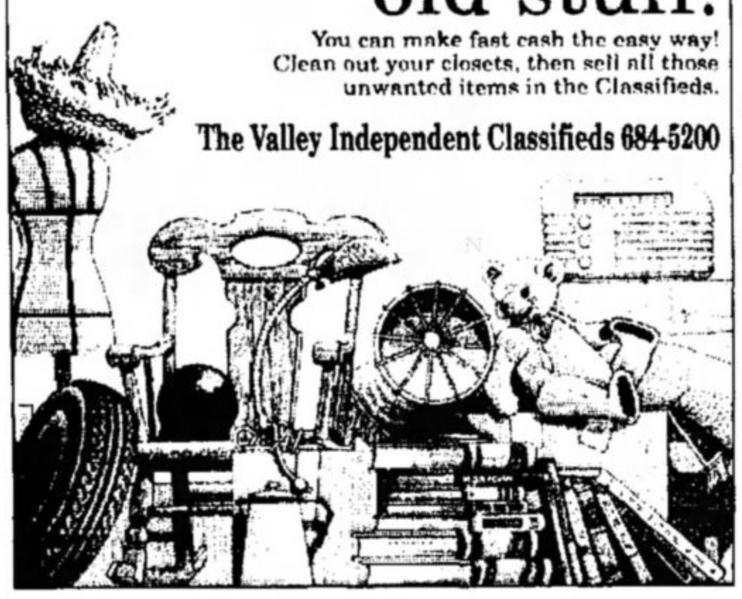

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DAVIES DISCOUNT -553
COLLEGE GRAD -500
FORD REBATES -1,000*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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$11,231
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $18,274
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CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$190
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COLLEGE GRAD -500
FORD REBATES -1,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$108
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$14,200
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $18,300
DAVIES DISCOUNT -660
COLLEGE GRAD -500
FORD REBATES -1,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$156
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$17,787
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DAVIES DISCOUNT -2,059
COMMERCIAL REBATE -350
FORD REBATES -2,250*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$259
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$19,483
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FORD REBATES -4,000*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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2008 F-150 SUPERCAB 4X4
Over 100 F-Series Available
$20,200
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $28,385
DAVIES DISCOUNT -1,385
COMMERCIAL REBATE -300
FORD REBATES -4,000*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$239
2008 FORD F-250 4X4
Over 100 F-Series Available
$20,285
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $28,495
DAVIES DISCOUNT -1,710
COMMERCIAL REB. -1,000
FORD REBATES -3,000*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$189
2008 FORD F-350
Over 100 F-Series Available
$21,220
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $28,785
DAVIES DISCOUNT -1,065
COLLEGE GRAD -550
FORD REBATES -3,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$249
2008 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4
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$21,300
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DAVIES DISCOUNT -1,565
COLLEGE GRAD -500
FORD REBATES -1,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$226
2008 TAURUS X
Top 10 MidSize Initial Quality Multi Activity Vehicle
$22,504
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $31,320
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COMMERCIAL REBATE -500
FORD REBATES -4,000*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
$224
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COLLEGE GRAD -500
FORD REBATES -1,500*
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GRC Membership Info

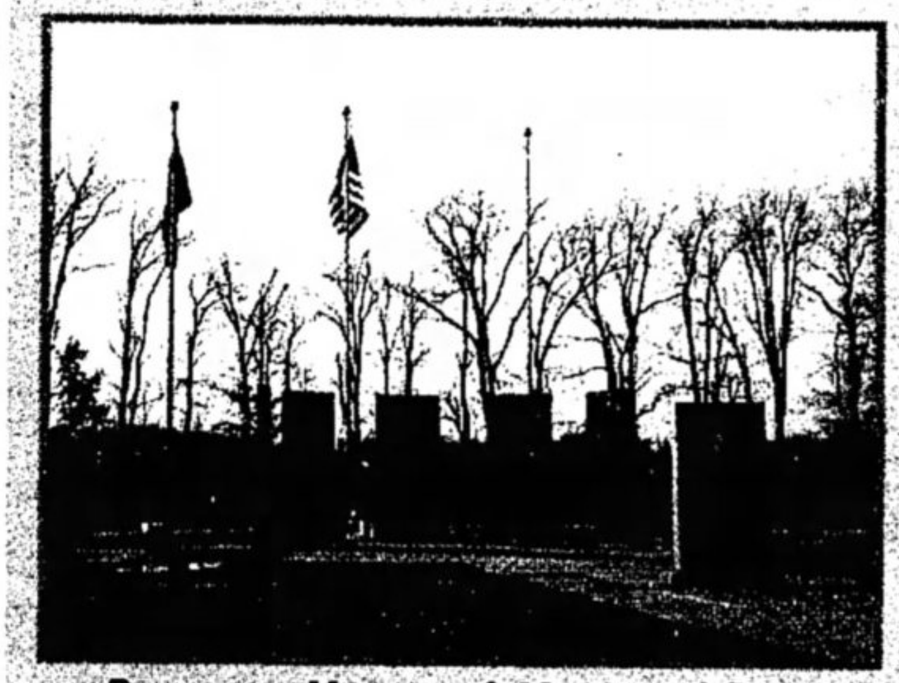
Date: 1/23/08
Time: Noon
Where: *Holiday Inn of Belle Vernon*

On The Agenda ...

- Committee Opportunities
- 30 Second Introductions
- Business Of The Month Presentation – *CSC Insurance Options*

Speakers This Month:

Tim Brilhart,
The Eads Group
Engineers For The Finley Road Expansion Project



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GRC Business of the Month,
CSC Insurance Options

Take a look INSIDE

- Business Of The Month
- Mark Your Calendar.
- Finley Road Update
- GRC Insights

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GRC Insights

By ELIZABETH WILSON
Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce

GRC selects committee chairs

At the Jan. 12 Executive Board Meeting of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce, new committees were formed and chairpersons selected. 2008 committees are as follows:

- Ambassador Committee co-chaired by Ron Kesten and Brian Sciore.
- Temporalities Committee chaired by Eric Cerini.
- Facilities Committee chaired by Keith Peer.
- Finance Committee chaired by Kathy Krisfalusy.
- Business of the Month Committee chaired by Andrew Solan.
- Island and Welcome Signs Committee chaired by Tom Mimidis.
- August Fun Fest Committee chaired by Bernie Zunic.

Golf Outing Committee chaired by Keith Peer.

- Rostraver Township Light Up Committee chaired by Bernie Zunic.
- Scholarship Committee chaired by Kathy Krisfalusy.
- Speakers Committee co-chaired by Eric Cerini and Leonard Pirilla.
- Political Committee chaired by Pat Alberts.
- Publicity Committee chaired by Brian Sciore.
- Founder's/Christmas Committee co-chaired by Mary Esther Antal and Mary Lou Taylor.

For all committees to be successful, help will be needed from Chamber members. Please contact the Committee chairperson or the Chamber Office at (724) 379-8994.

Scholarship chatter

The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce has decided to partner with The Consortium for Public Education by donating money to the Consortium's Great Ideas Grants program for 2008.

This program funds teacher-level grants, enabling improved teaching strategies to become realities.

Each of the four school districts comprising the Chamber's delineated service area has been allocated funds for 2008. Those districts are Belle Vernon Area, Elizabeth Forward, Frazier and Yough.

Teachers in those districts are encouraged to request funding during either the spring 2008 or fall 2008 grant processes by submitting a Great Ideas Grants Application, which can be found on the Consortium Web site: www.tcfpe.org.

In 2007 our efforts funded a number of teacher-level projects in these districts including: Sensory Language — Descriptive Writing (a program for seventh grade students), Make~It and Take~It Night (an event benefiting fifth grade students in math concepts), and Meet the Authors (benefiting kindergarten through second grade students), among many others.

Funds for this endeavor are raised through the proceeds of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce Classic Golf Outing. This year's event will occur at the Cedar Brook Golf Course in June 2008.

Contact Keith Peer at kjpcpa@comcast.net for information on the 2008 outing.

Watch for future issues of the newsletter as well as our local news media to see the exciting results of our local sponsorships for 2008.

Cerini Harley-Davidson/Buell plans MDA event

What better way is there to beat those winter blues, help support the Muscular Dystrophy Association?

Cerini Harley-Davidson/Buell in conjunction with the Donora H.O.G. Chapter, is sponsoring an oldies dance and a soup cook-off to help raise money for M.D.A. All monies raised for M.D.A. are used in the local area.

The Oldies Dance will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at the Rostraver Grange Hall from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. This event is only $20 per person. Included are dinner, beer, mixers, Robbie, The Magician, and Disc Jockey Cal Schuchman. You are welcome to BYOB.

For additional information contact Tom, Harry or Debbie at (724) 930-8443.

Feb. 9, 2008, is Cerini Harley-Davidson/Buell's third annual Soup Cook-Off.

Judges from Westmoreland County Community College Culinary Arts Department will be on site to judge your entry. All you have to do is call Jacque at (724)930-8443 to register.

Soups must be registered by Feb. 4. Soups must be in a self-warming container and you must have ample supply for sampling. All entries must be at the dealership by 11:30 a.m.

If you would just like to sample the delicious soups the cost is 50 cents per sample or all you can sample for $5. There is nothing better than hot soup on a cold winter day.

Cerini Harley-Davidson/Buell and the Donora H.O.G. Chapter welcome the public to attend both the Oldies Dance and the Soup Cook-Off.

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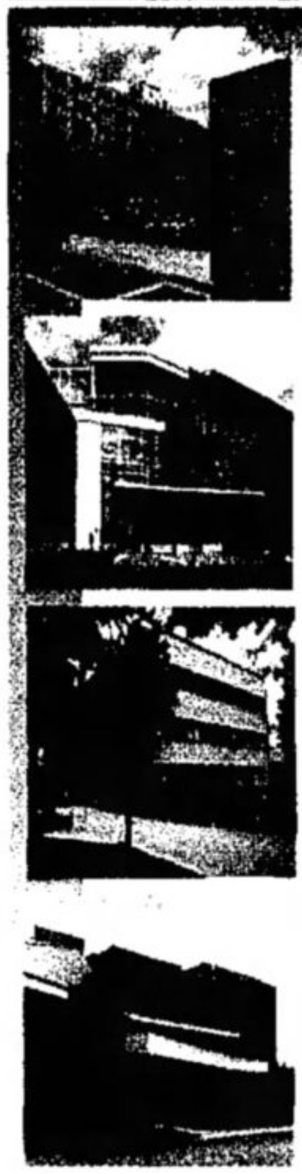

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WCCC late-start classes begin Feb. 7

Westmoreland County Community College is offering a late-start session of credit classes with some beginning Feb. 7 for students who were unable to enroll when the regular spring semester began.

The schedule provides an opportunity for students to complete a full semester of 12 credits in 12 weeks, although some classes are shorter term. Students also have the option of attending part-time and taking just one or two classes.

Class start dates range from Feb. 7 through late April. Late-start classes are scheduled for days and evenings and will be conducted at the Youngwood campus as well as the Alle-Kiski, Bushy Run, Mon Valley, Greene County, Indiana County and Laurel education centers.

More than 30 classes are available online.

Classes are offered in the areas of accounting; business; computers; economics; English; food service management; graphic design; heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration; history; horticulture; health and physical education; mathematics; office technology; psychology; real estate; sociology; and speech.

The classes are worth from one to three credits each, depending on the course. Tuition is $73 per credit for Westmoreland County residents.

For a complete schedule of classes and to register, call 1-800-262-2103 or go online at www.wccc.edu.

Trash or Treasure Antique Appraisal planned at WCCC

The Westmoreland County Community College Retired Senior and Volunteer Program is sponsoring a Trash or Treasure Antique Appraisal from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in Room 2303, Commissioners Hall.

Welcome new members

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John Mickinak will appraise antiques at a cost of $6 per item or three items for $15.

Call (724) 925-4213 to make an appointment, which is required. Proceeds benefit the WCCC Retired Senior and Volunteer Program.

Put your business into the fast lane with Speed Networking

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The idea is to sit at a table with as many new people as possible. By the end of the event you would have made more business contacts in two hours than most people do in a month. If you or someone you know is having trouble coming up with new marketing ideas, then Speed Networking is what you have been waiting for. For a nominal fee you can put your business in the fast lane.

The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce will be holding its third Speed Networking event later this year. The fee will be $10 for members and $15 for non-members, there will be hors 'd oeuvres, a cash bar and 50/50. There will be a table available for your flyers, brochures and promotional products.

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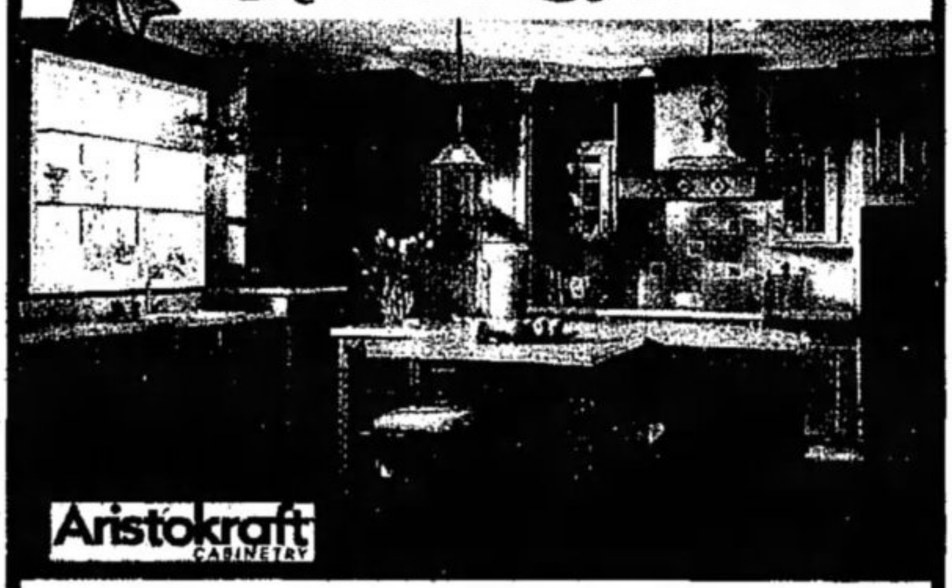
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Message from the new President

Let me start by saying that I'm honored to be elected by the members of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce as their President.

Skip Pirilla did an outstanding job in bringing two organizations together and his leadership is evident throughout the GRC. I'm also looking forward to working with the outstanding group of business leaders that comprise the Board of Directors. Their knowledge and experience will will invaluable during my term.

As we continue to grow, so does our responsibility to the businesses and communities in our service area. I believe that the Chamber needs to develop the relationships necessary for us to be the point of contact when businesses, existing and new, need demographic information about our area. We should be a strong advocate of attracting new businesses to the area which means developing relationships with local and state governments. I hope to invite representatives from each of these bodies to GRC meetings to start us on that road.

I'm also a strong advocate of education and training and that as an organization we can continue to offer training opportunities to our members. I also hope that the businesses in the area would entertain the idea of college internships.

Nothing is more valuable to our future business leaders than the experience they gain in the workforce. This opportunity is not only available from our four year universities, but also from Westmoreland County Community College. We have a local WCCC site in Rostraver Township that is starting to see sustained student growth. I've personally taken classes offered by WCCC and I'm confident that the course material and educational experience is equal to any other college in the area. I wouldn't be surprised if the instructors at WCCC don't also teach at other colleges/ universities. Along with educational opportunities for our members, it's also important to continue supporting the local school districts with educational grants whenever possible. There are various ways to do this and I hope we continue to explore them all.

The Chamber also needs to continue to grow, both through additional memberships and internally through improving our offerings to members. The new computer we'll be installing this year should allow us to update our website and improve our monthly newsletter. It will also make record keeping easier. We'll need to be diligent in our negotiations with member advertising rates, member to member benefits, and maybe even group health insurance for some of our smaller members. Over the next two years, we will also have to endure the same challenges faced by our members regarding employee staffing, business hours, and growing expenses.

Eric Cerini

The challenge for any organization is to continue improving it's services while maintaining "what got us there." As the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce strives to meet your, our members, expectations, we will experience many trials and tribulations. I'm confident that this organization will traverse that path and emerge a better, stronger, and more effective business advocate. As the President, I will make mistakes and look to the Board of Directors and the membership for their understanding and guidance in keeping me on the right track.

Part of my job as a leader is to keep you informed about what's going on. My plan is to insert something into each months newsletter. Plans sometime change, but I'll do my best to live up to this commitment. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and welcome your comments.

— Eric Cerini

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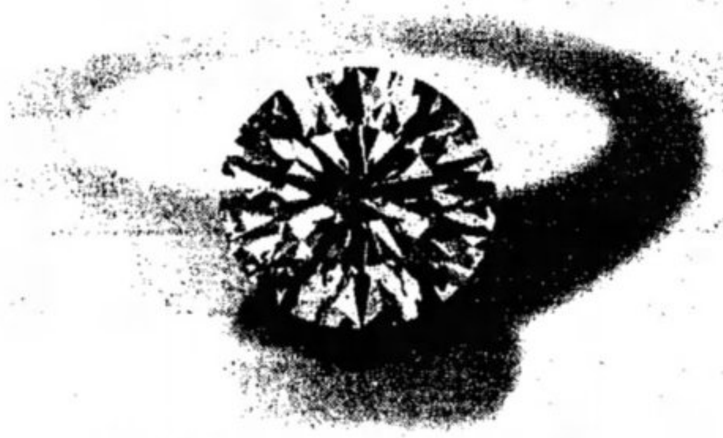

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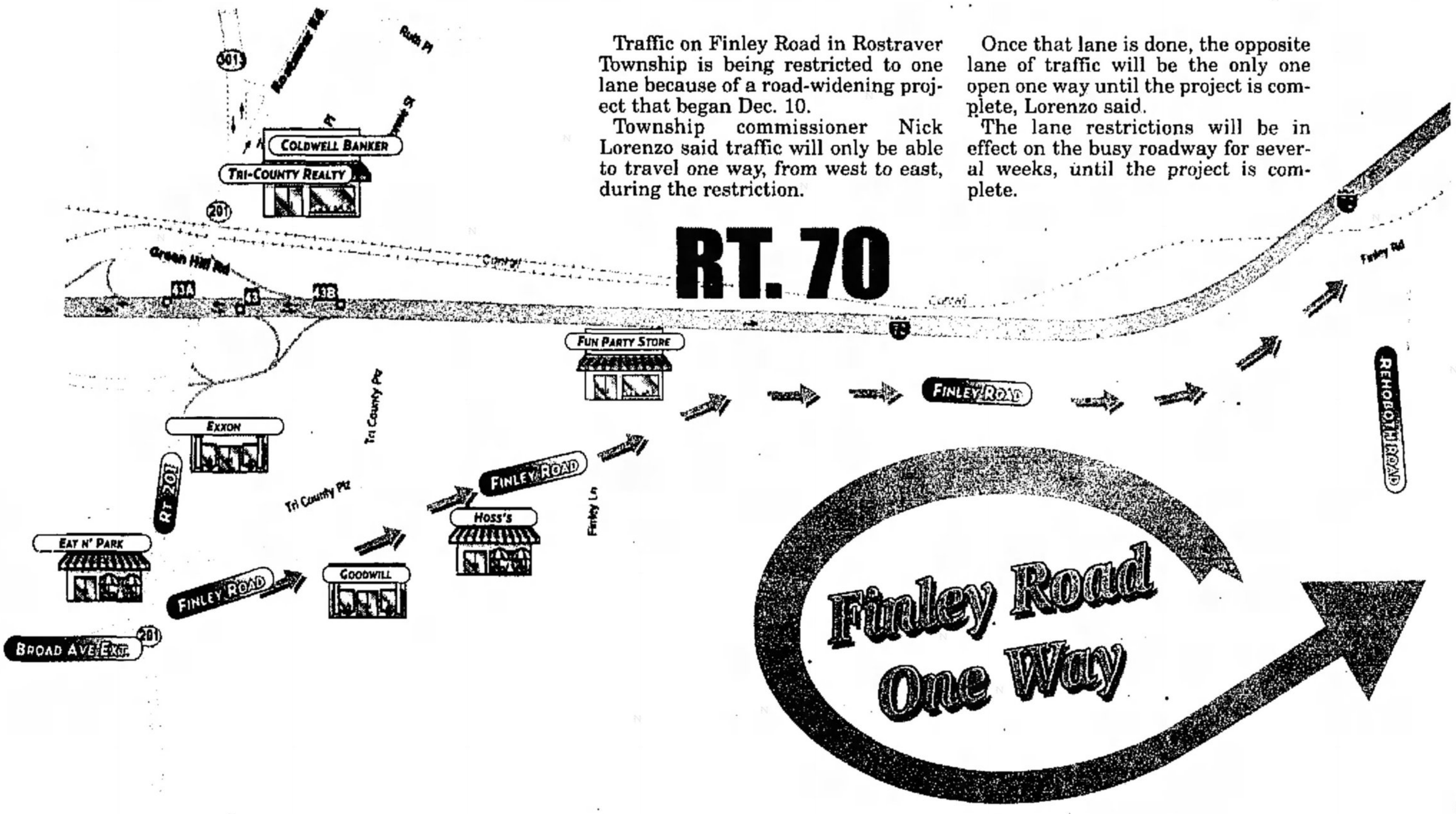
Once that lane is done, the opposite lane of traffic will be the only one open one way until the project is complete, Lorenzo said.

The lane restrictions will be in effect on the busy roadway for several weeks, until the project is complete.



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Students get off the bus at Rostraver Elementary School. Four new classrooms will be constructed at the school to accommodate expansion of the all-day kindergarten program. The addition is part of a multimillion dollar renovation project in the Belle Vernon Area district.

BVA expansion planned

The Belle Vernon School Board is planning a multi-million dollar renovation project involving all of the district's schools.

The project involves expansion of the all-day kindergarten program through the construction of four classrooms at Rostraver Elementary School and three classrooms at Marion Elementary School.

Air conditioning will be installed at Rostraver and Bellmar middle schools. It will be added to 20 rooms at Rostraver Elementary and 22 rooms at Marion Elementary.

Seven science labs at the high school will be upgraded.

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BVA adds alumni section to Web site

By JEFF PIKULSKY
Staff Writer
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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — The Belle Vernon Area School District has given alumni a new way to keep in touch with their classmates.

Last month, high school webmaster Marcia Ellis launched an alumni section on the school Web site so former students' could keep informed about their alma mater and find past classmates.

Ellis, a computer teacher at the high school, said she and other faculty members

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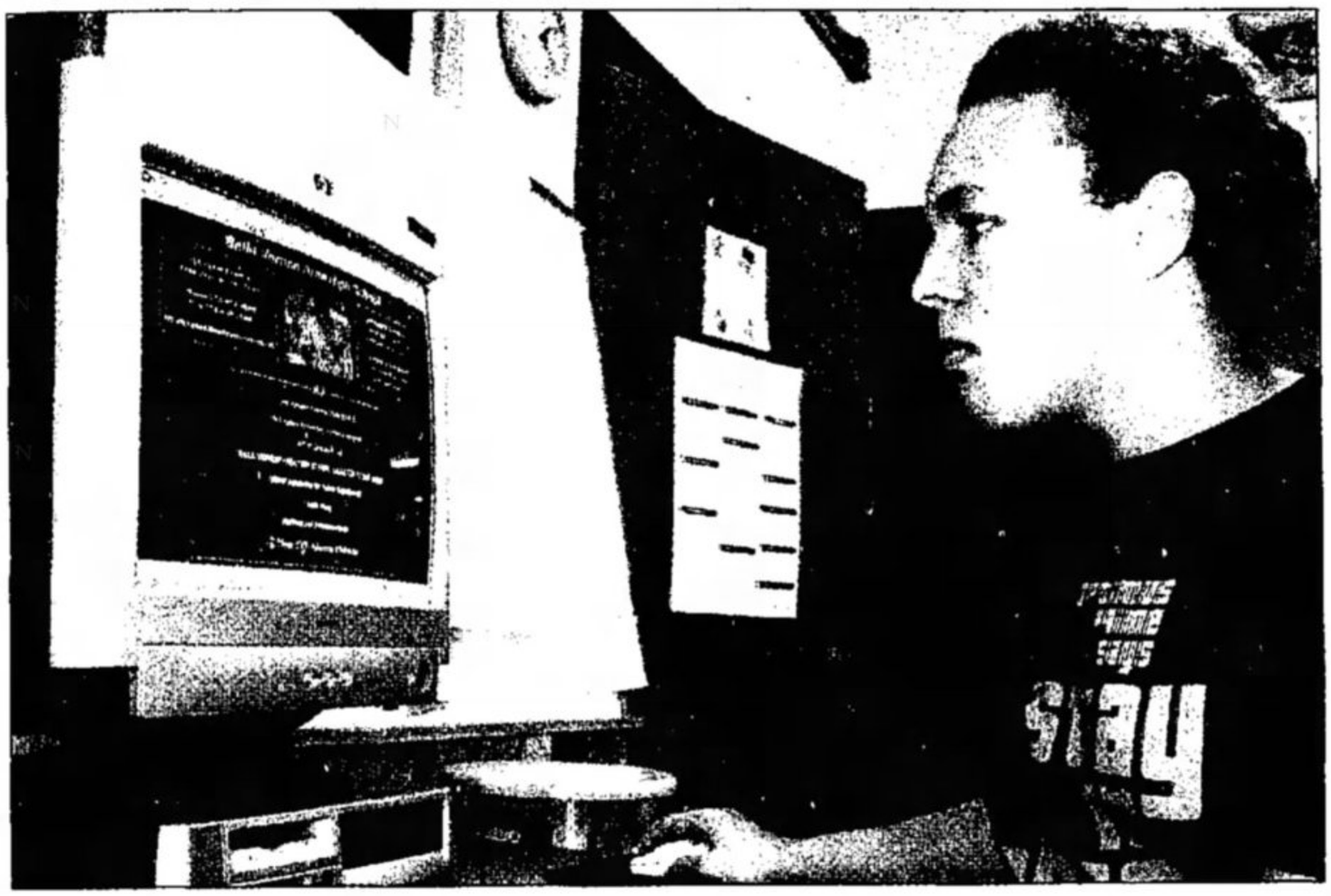

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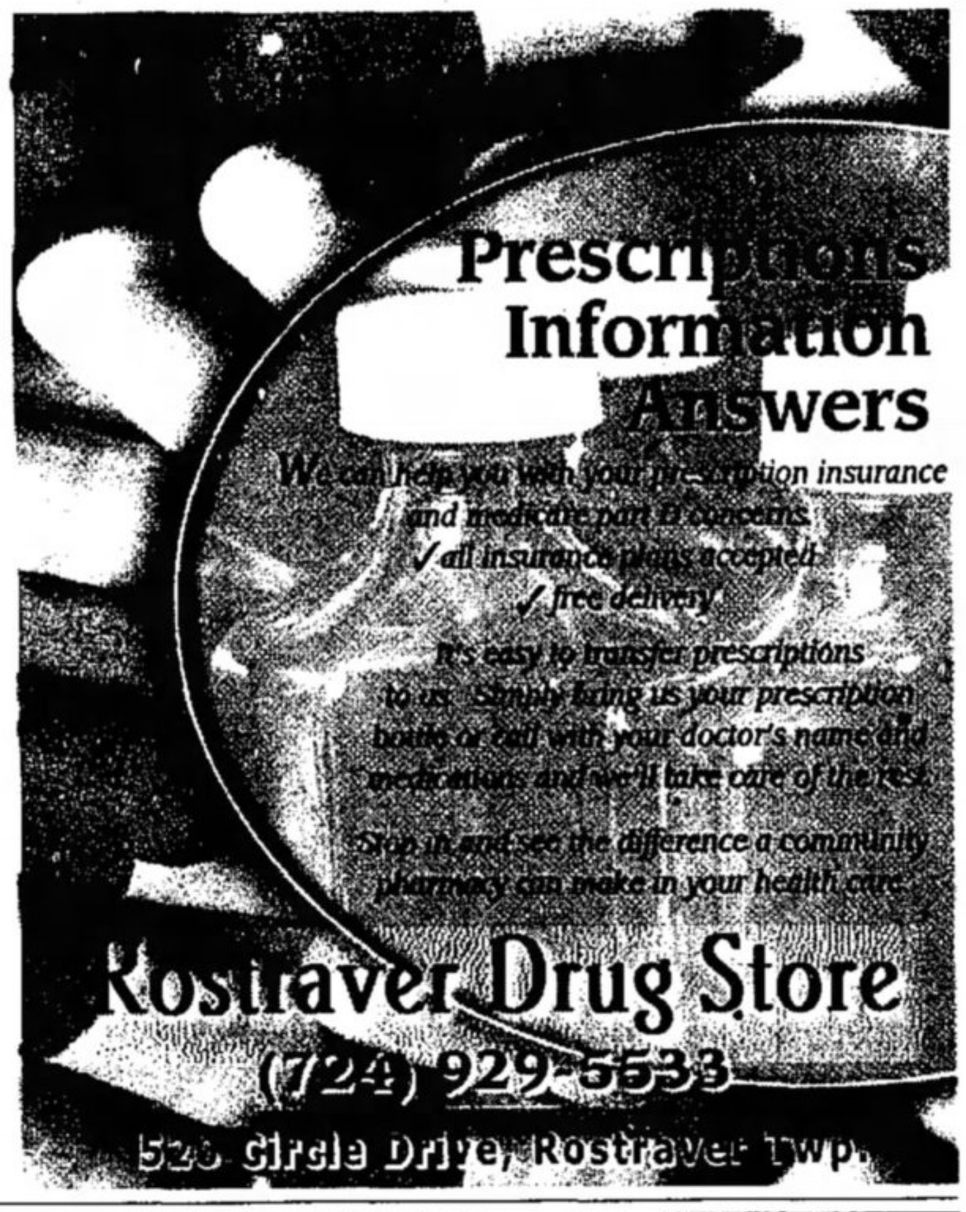
Belle Vernon Area High School junior Aaron Mikula visits the high school's new alumni Web page that went online a month ago.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Success story: Kesten and Associates

By RON KESTEN

I would like to tell you about one of Rostraver's best-kept secrets. The reason for telling you is that we want everyone in our area to know and we no longer want to keep it a secret.

I am Ronald "Ron" Kesten, owner of Kesten and Associates Restaurant Equipment Sales & Service Company in Donora. I am also Vice President of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce (GRC).

The Greater Rostraver Chamber is the result of the merging of Rostraver Business Association (RBA) and the Twin Rivers Chamber. This merger has created one great organization.

All business owners know that networking and being active in an organization creates business. I would like to report one success story:

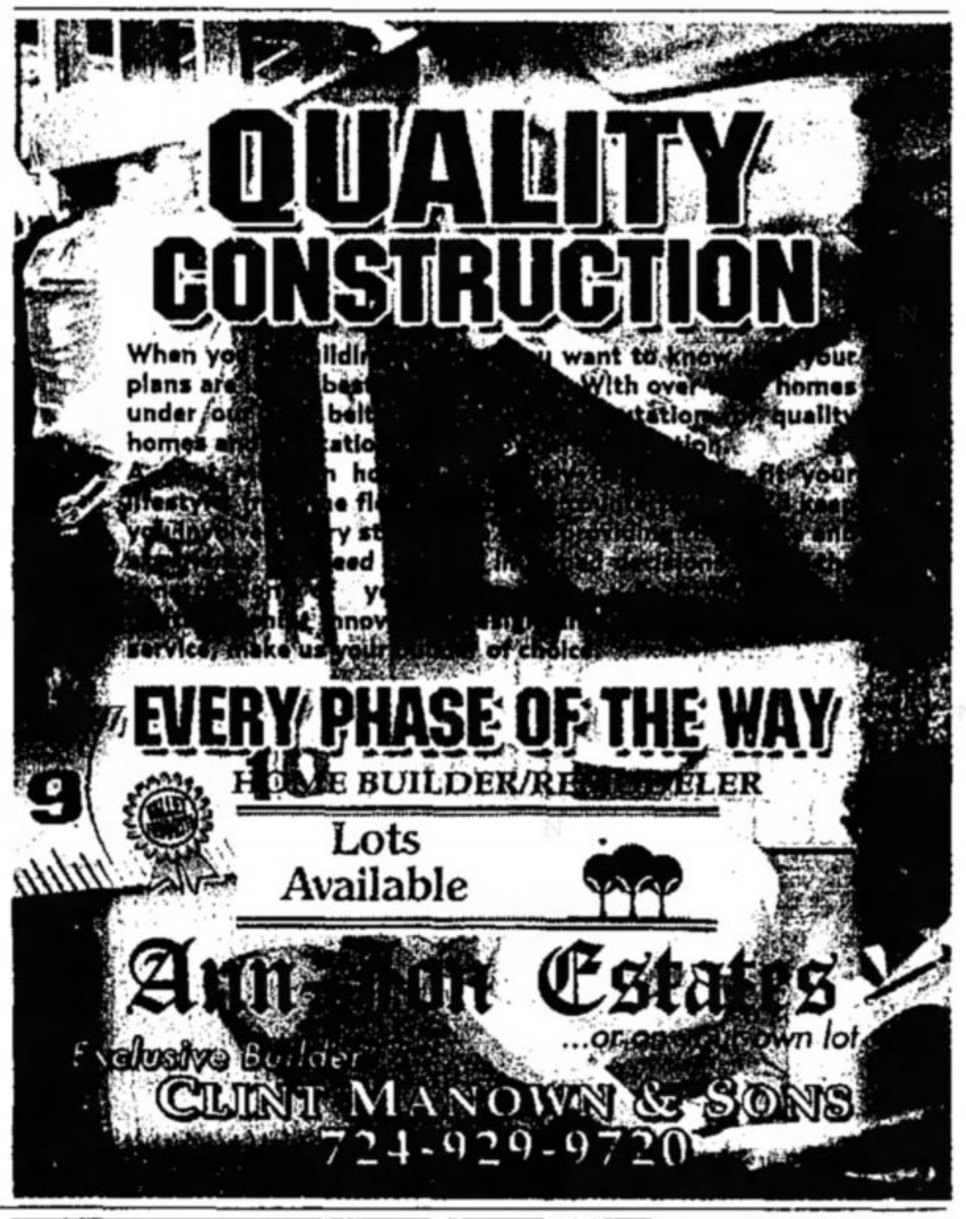
Kesten & Associates Restaurant Equipment Sales & Service Company was chosen a few months ago as the "Business of the Month" for GRC.

Our picture and story was placed in *The Valley Independent*. A member of the Perryopolis United Methodist Church kitchen committee saw the article. We were contacted and after several meetings, we were awarded the order for two commercial six burners ranges and a single deck convection oven. This order probably would not have happened without networking in the GRC.

Kesten and Associates Restaurant Equipment Sales & Service Company in Donora in among the many businesses to benefit from an association with the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce.

This sale was created by being an active member of the GRC. I have, through the GRC, formed many friendships and business that we would not have made.

The membership in the GRC is reasonable. We invite you to contact Liz Wilson, our administrative Secretary, at (724) 379-8994 or Ron Kesten at (724) 379-7731 for additional information.



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Rostraver sewage project is nearing completion

The Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners this month expects to begin the final stage of the township's new sewage system construction.

The last phase of the project involves the installation of new service to the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas.

That work is expected to begin in a few weeks and should be complete by next summer.

The new system will replace wildcat sewers in Pricedale and Lynnwood that discharge sewage into Speers Run.

The bond will be paid back at 4.35 percent interest over 30 years.

A $1.6 million grant and a $9.4 million loan from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority was used to cover the first phase of the project — the installation of lines along Route 51 and Interstate 70.

PennVEST is a state agency that provides grants and low interest loans for municipal and waste water projects.

The Route 51 and Interstate 70 portion took about a year. It was completed in November.

The entire system will serve about 1,500 customers along routes 51 and 201 and Interstate 70 and in the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas.

Alumni (FROM PAGE SEVEN)

noticed the need to provide online networking for graduates.

"We discovered a lot of alumni visit our site and have left e-mails and wanted ways to stay in touch with each other," Ellis said.

"They were coming from all over the country," she added.

Ellis has worked with three students each semester to expand and maintain the Web site.

In the new section, alumni can submit personal information that is displayed together on a page.

There are personal profiles of about 50 graduates on the site so far.

Graduates from as far back as the class of 1969 are listed.

Alumni also can ask for information on graduation reunions and similar meetings to be posted on the site, according to Ellis, who said alumni can have anything posted that is related to the school and their involvement there.

"Anything that anybody wants included on here that relates to the school, I'll be happy to put on," she said.

> "We discovered a lot of alumni visit our site and have left e-mails and wanted ways to stay in touch with each other."
>
> Webmaster
> Marcia Ellis

The high school Web site first went online about eight years ago.

Since then, developers have worked to supply a wealth of information on the site about current and upcoming events in the district.

The school site features school calendars and program information, photo galleries, course listings, club announcements, student achievements and general information.

The alumni Web page can be accessed through a link on the Belle Vernon High School home page at www.bvasd.net/hs.

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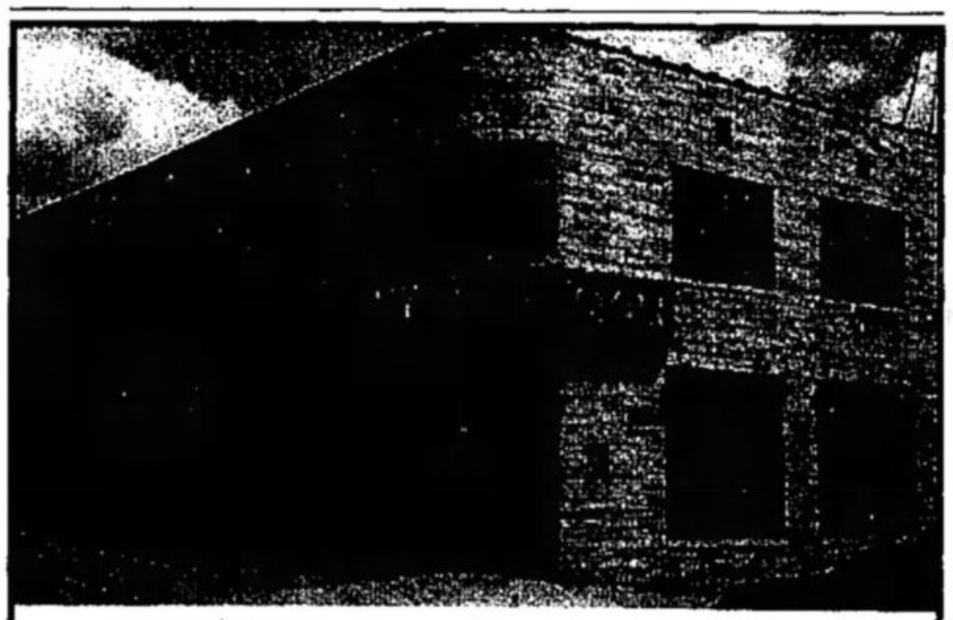

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WCCC to hold spring information sessions

Events scheduled to begin in February.

This spring, Westmoreland County Community College will hold information sessions on a variety of career preparation programs and an open house at the Youngwood campus for those considering attending college.

An open house and general information sessions are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Founders Hall.

During these sessions, college representatives will provide information on the college curricula, including transfer programs; financial aid; career counseling; career placement services; and other support services including counseling, tutoring and child care.

The programs for preparation in Computer Information Security, Fiber Optics and Web Publishing will be outlined in an information session scheduled Wednesday, March 12, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Founders Hall.

For those with an interest in the hospitality industry, an information session will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15, in Commissioners Hall.

The session will include a continental breakfast featuring items prepared by WCCC culinary arts/hospitality students.

Programs highlighted by WCCC faculty include: Baking and Pastry, apprenticeship and nonapprenticeship; Culinary Arts, apprenticeship and nonapprenticeship; Dietetic Technology; Dining Room Management; Hotel/Motel Management; Restaurant/Culinary Management; and Travel and Tourism.

A representative from Nemacolin Woodlands Resort will also present information on the "Earn While You Learn" culinary arts and restaurant/culinary management programs available at the resort in Farmington, Fayette County.

Reservations are required for the culinary arts open house and may be made by calling 1-800-262-2103.

The college will waive the application fee for anyone who completes an application for admission during any of the sessions.

The sessions are fee and open to all interested applicants.

For more information or to register, call WCCC at 1-800-262-2103.

WCCC Spring Information Sessions

Want to start on your bachelor's degree or build real-world skills for next week's jobs? Talk to WCCC faculty and staff and learn more about your career options through these information sessions:

General College Session
Saturday, February 9, 9-11 a.m.
Wednesday, April 16, 5-7 p.m.
Founders Hall

Computer Information Security, Fiber Optics & Web Publishing
Wednesday, March 12, 5-6:30 p.m.
Founders Hall

Culinary Arts
Saturday, March 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
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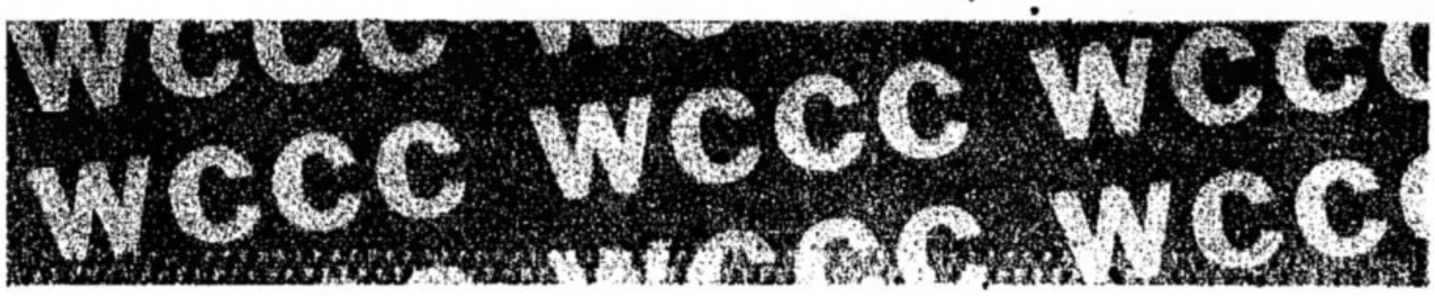

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